

IDF officer killed by Hizbullah suicide bomber

AN IDF officer, Capt. Salah Zeidan, 23, from Beit Jann, was killed and a Defense Ministry worker was wounded yesterday when a Hizbullah suicide bomber hurled himself at an IDF convoy two kilometers from the Metulla border crossing in the security zone.

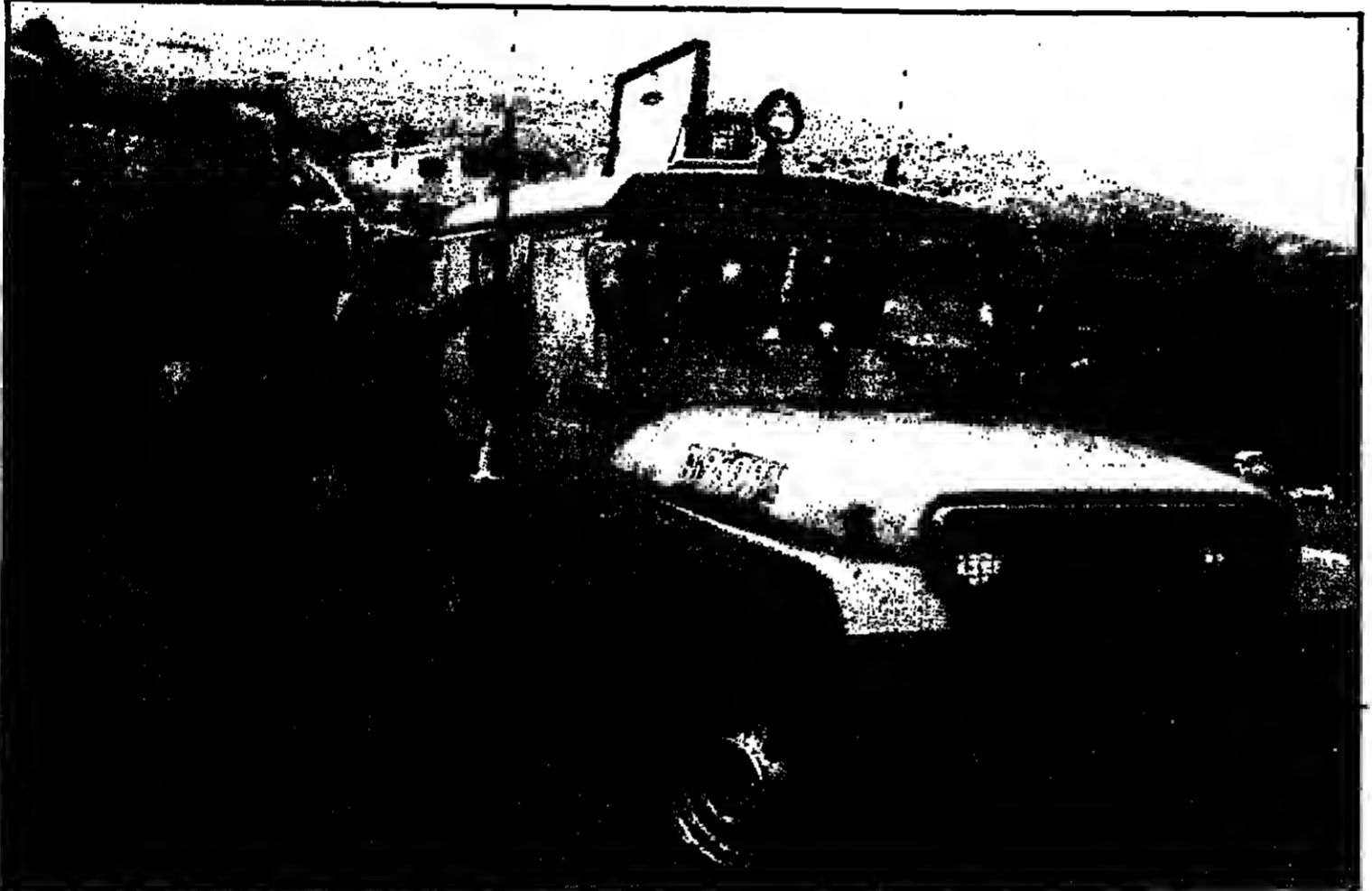
necessary conclusions," he said while visiting soldiers wounded in previous attacks in south Lebanon at Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

Col. Akel Hashem. According to reports from Lebanon, Hizbullah planted the bomb on the roof of a building used by SLA security officers and the Lebanese gendarmerie.

Reports from the area said the soldiers in the convoy had seen a man standing by the side of the road and became suspicious. They reportedly stopped and cocked their weapons, aiming them at the man, who then raced at the jeep and blew himself up.

Zeidan, of the Golani Brigade, traveling in a truck behind the jeep, was killed and the driver, an Israeli civilian employed by the Defense Ministry, was wounded in the face.

side bomb exploded, killing one of the soldiers. Ya'acov Gil, 25, from Safed, the Israeli civilian wounded in the suicide bomb attack, was evacuated to Haifa's Rambam Hospital.



This jeep carrying Col. K. was the apparent target of yesterday's Hizbullah suicide bomber in southern Lebanon. (Haim Azula/Courtesy of Ma'ariv)

Attacks show Syria's not serious about peace

HIZBULLAH'S third major attack in recent days shows the Israel-Syria peace process is deceased and serious international co-operation against terrorism is not yet born.

COMMENT BARRY RUBIN

Syrian unwillingness to discourage Hizbullah's escalation at a critical moment in peace talks demonstrates that President Hafez Assad's regime has little interest in making progress.

In addition, the Clinton administration did not raise credibility by inviting Syria to the anti-terrorism summit. The US reaction to Hizbullah's terrorist attacks this week was to urge mutual restraint and calm in Lebanon rather than talk to Damascus in terms usually reserved for Iran.

the last 18 months and Hizbullah's continued attacks have convinced Israeli leaders that Assad is not ready for peace.

Whatever Syria's motives, these attacks now make it virtually impossible for Peres to continue talks with Damascus before the May 29 elections. And he may not be so eager to do so if he remains in office.

It is true that only a political solution can end terrorism from Lebanon. Unfortunately, that alternative does not seem available.

Barry Rubin's recent books include Revolution Until Victory? and Assimilation and Discontents.

Clinton to Peres: Defense treaty is premature

A DEFENSE treaty between Israel and the US would be "premature" at this time, President Bill Clinton informed Prime Minister Shimon Peres last week, Israeli officials say.

Syria, but in the absence of such a deal, sources fear a bilateral defense treaty could compromise Washington's role as an honest broker in the moribund negotiations between Damascus and Jerusalem.

which is Peres's target date for an agreement with the US. Finally, the defense establishment here has broadly opposed a treaty, voicing concern such an accord could tie Israel's hands in the event it sought to retaliate for an attack.

(MOU), an executive agreement not requiring congressional approval. While some have sought to dub this a US-Israel "defense pact," such a title is misleading, since what is envisioned is not a treaty.

The conversation between the two was held on Air Force One on the way back from the Sharm el-Sheikh anti-terrorism summit last Wednesday.

Furthermore, the sources say it seems very unlikely such a treaty could be completed with two-thirds US Senate approval before Israeli elections in May.

Therefore, Peres is now aiming for something more modest: a memorandum of understanding

Peres wants to sign the MOU during his trip to the US next month, around April 28-29. King Hussein will also be visiting and it appears the two will be guests at a White House luncheon hosted by Clinton.

The US believes Peres would like a US-Israel defense treaty as a capstone to a peace treaty with

A-G orders criminal probe of Segev

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Michael Ben-Yair yesterday ordered the police to begin a criminal investigation against Energy Ministry Gonen Segev on suspicion of violating party registration law.

Neuman registered about 25 new members. In each case, the member paid his NIS 20 fee by check, and Neuman then gave him NIS 20 in cash in exchange.

Later, Neuman apparently had second thoughts and agreed to help Ma'ariv investigate the affair. He secretly taped a number of conversations between himself and Segev, Goldman, and Pomerantz, and also provided the paper with some of the relevant documents. All four are to be investigated.

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The order was issued in response to a report in Friday's Ma'ariv concerning Segev's battle with Alex Goldfarb for the chairmanship of their Y'ud Party. Faced with the need to register new members who would support his bid, Segev and his adviser, Yoram Pomerantz, and Y'ud treasurer Avigdor Goldman, arranged to have Y'ud pay a radio dealer named Amikam Neuman NIS 1,638 for "consulting."

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The second son to fall

GOLANI company commander Cpt. Salah Zeidan, 23, of Beit Jann, was his parents' second son to fall in the line of duty. His brother, Fuad, was killed by a stray bullet in Bethlehem in 1987.

side bomb exploded, killing one of the soldiers. Ya'acov Gil, 25, from Safed, the Israeli civilian wounded in the suicide bomb attack, was evacuated to Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

Israel not expected to repeat Operation Accountability

ISRAEL will not initiate another Operation Accountability-style aerial bombardment of southern Lebanon at this time, but it "will not preclude a proportional response" to Hizbullah attacks, a top aide to Prime Minister Shimon Peres said last night.

DAVID MAKOVSKY and DAVID RUDGE

The aide sought to discourage speculation that Israel was about start a large-scale operation in south Lebanon, but made clear that Israel will not remain passive as Hizbullah accelerates its attacks.

Meanwhile, a diplomatic routine that has gone on for years continued again last night. US Ambassador to Damascus Christopher Ross was said to be meeting with Syrian officials, urging restraint.

after the attack, Peres declared, "We will judge the situation based upon the reality on the ground. We won't rely on promises or papers, but we'll see how things are developing and will act accordingly."

According to US-brokered rules reached in the aftermath of Operation Accountability in August 1993, the only illegitimate attacks are those on Israeli civilians in northern towns or those against Lebanese civilians north of the security zone.

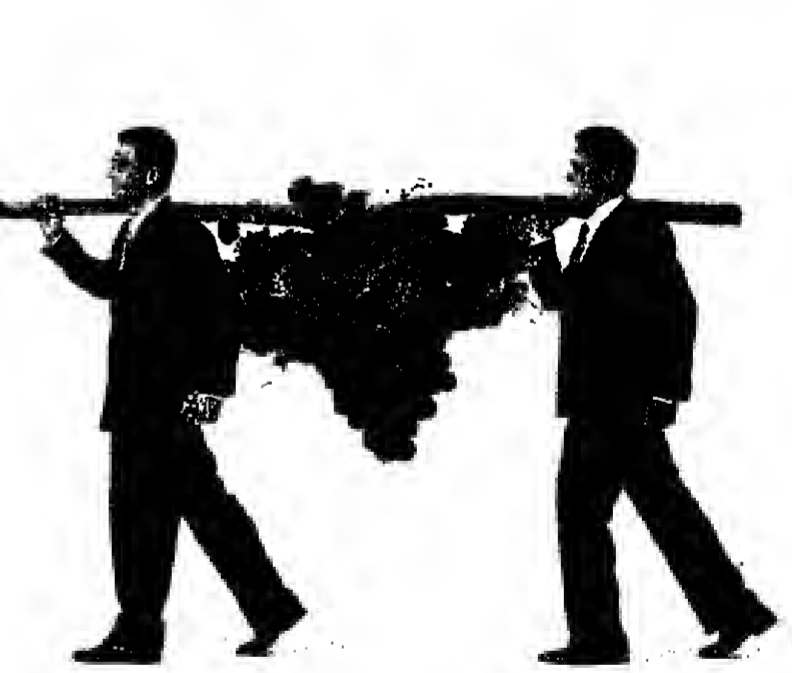
Over the last several days, US officials have said Israel can act with restraint so long as Hizbullah does.

"There is no policy of restraint. I said that if there won't be restraint [on the part of Hizbullah] we will draw the conclusions," he said. "Hizbullah is showing more technological sophistication and more organization. That's the truth. We have to organize and act accordingly."

Peres denied that US pressure is holding Israel from acting.

Indeed, just hours before the Hizbullah suicide bomber blew himself up at an IDF convoy in southern Lebanon yesterday, Prime Minister Shimon Peres said Israel had information that Hizbullah wanted to reduce tension.

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# Police demolish home of 'Engineer No. 2'

POLICE demolished the home of one of the most wanted Hamas members, Mohi Eddin Sharif, in the Beit Hanina neighborhood of Jerusalem yesterday, while his family and neighbors looked on.

Sharif, known as the successor of Yiyhe "The Engineer," Ayyash, Hamas's former explosives expert killed in Gaza earlier this year. Sharif, who has been dubbed "The Engineer No. 2," remains at large, allegedly in areas controlled by the Palestinian Authority.

Israel Radio reported yesterday that Palestinian security forces nearly captured Sharif and two other wanted Hamas

terrorists Tuesday night in Ramallah, and the three are allegedly still in the city.

Security sources have linked Sharif to a number of Hamas suicide bombings. However, the demolition order of his family's home only refers to Sharif's suspected involvement in the August suicide bus bombing in Ramot Bahkol, in which four people were killed.

Sharif, whose father said he last saw him in Ramallah two months ago, allegedly prepared the bomb for the attack.

Dozens of policemen stood

guard as bulldozers tore down the home, after the family was given several hours to remove their belongings. The home was sealed nearly two weeks ago, with the demolition held up by two High Court petitions.

The family set up tents outside the home, where they have been living since it was sealed.

Family members shouted and held up signs reading, "Where is the peace?" and "No peace with demolitions."

The demolition was reportedly the first in Jerusalem for security reasons since the early 1970s. There have, however, been several cases of house sealings.



A woman places a sign yesterday in the rubble of Mohi Eddin Sharif's home. (Ariel Jerolimski)

# Syria rejects conditions to resume talks

DAMASCUS (Reuter) - Syria yesterday rejected demands by Prime Minister Shimon Peres that it take a tougher line against "terrorism" as a condition to resume peace talks.

"Peres called back his negotiating team in Maryland and set conditions for resumption that are rejected because no one dictates to Syrians their policy," the official newspaper *Al-Bustan* said.

"Syria does not operate unless guided by its beliefs," it said.

Syrian-Israeli peace talks broke off after the wave of suicide bombings in Israel between February 25 and March 4 in which 59 people were killed.

Peres said last week talks would not resume unless Damascus condemned "terrorism."

Israel and the United States want Syria to close offices in Damascus of radical Palestinian groups, including Hamas. Syria refuses, saying there are similar Israeli hard-liners operating openly in Israel.

"Syria condemned terrorism on all occasions but distinguished between terrorism and the legitimate resistance to occupation," *Al-Bustan* said.

"Israelis consider any Palestinian or Lebanese who seeks to return his land a terrorist and this is rejected because at the end it would complicate the peace process if it did not sabotage it," it added.

# Zucker: Deportations don't work as deterrent

DEPORTATIONS have not proved effective in the past 25 years and therefore Prime Minister Shimon Peres would be wrong to deploy this method now, Knesset Law Committee chairman MK David Zucker (*Meretz*) said yesterday.

"The fact is that we have tried it so many times, and it does not work [as a deterrent]," Zucker said on the *Erev Hadash* television program.

In returning to old failed policies, Zucker said, Peres is falling back on "lazy thinking."

In the cabinet on Sunday, Peres said deportations are an

effective deterrent, and he would favor using this method once it has been cleared with legal experts. Senior officials want to be sure the deportations withstand petitions to the High Court of Justice.

Appearing alongside Zucker, Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr differed, saying, "I have not heard of a better idea" than deportations and insisting they have worked as a deterrent on a few occasions.

Orr said there will not be mass deportations. One official said the number considered would be

"less than 100," and some have said it would include only male family members of suicide bombers.

Peres opposed Yitzhak Rabin's decision to deport 415 Palestinians to southern Lebanon in 1992. The deportees were returned to the territories earlier than scheduled due to international pressure.

Peres's policies in dealing with Palestinians also came under fire yesterday from a different direction. MK David Levy said on *Erev Hadash* that it was "cruel" for Israel to withhold food from the territories last week.

# IDF blows up home of suicide bomber

THE army evacuated all residents from Fawar refugee camp near Hebron yesterday, and gathered them on a nearby hill to watch the demolition of the home of the suicide bomber who killed one person and wounded 31 in Ashkelon last month.

Near Tulkarim, the army raided the village of Karawat Bani Hasan and arrested 35 men suspected of being members of Hamas or giving aid to terrorists. The men were handed over to security officials for interrogation, the army said. Troops clamped a curfew on the village.

In a further move to wipe out Hamas and deter Islamic terrorism, Prime Minister Shimon Peres repeated that Israel intended to deport a number of Hamas activists.

"This is not a wholesale deportation. We are not talking about the deportation of women, children, families or just anyone, but there are instances where deportations can be carried out under the law," Peres said.

"We are deporting now for the sake of deterrence," he added.

Foreign Minister Ehud Barak also

supported deportations.

"Deportation is not a punishment. It is a deterrent to further attacks," Barak said. "When security elements propose using this method, then we must do it."

But Justice Minister David Liba'i said deportations usually had detrimental effects on Israel and brought condemnations. He proposed keeping the militants "inside our control."

In Fawar, the moment sappers blew up the house of Ibrahim Sarahneh residents began screaming curses and shouting "Allahu Akbar." Angry youths hurled stones at soldiers. Soldiers replied with live rounds into the air and rubber bullets at the stone throwers. There were no reported injuries. A bulldozer plowed over all traces of the cement house.

Soldiers then brought up a tractor to demolish the sealed home of Majid Abu Wardah, who killed 25 people on Jerusalem's No. 18 bus the same day of the Ashkelon attack. But

at the last minute they retreated without destroying the house.

Lt-Col. Gil, the area commander, told Israel Radio the delay was for "technical reasons." But Channel 2 said the army was concerned that destroying the house, nudged between other cement houses, would damage the neighboring structures.

Yesterday evening, the army destroyed the house of Abdel-Majid Dodin in the village of Al Bourj. Dodin is serving a 12-year sentence in a Palestinian Authority jail in Jericho for aiding the suicide bomber who blew himself up on the No. 26 bus in Jerusalem last August, killing four people.

Four other houses in Judea and Samaria are slated for destruction, after the Supreme Court rejected petitions filed by the suicide bombers' families.

The families whose homes were demolished were to be staying in tents provided by the International Red Cross, the AP reported.

Meanwhile, the IDF announced the closure would be eased today to allow men under the age of 30 to work in the Erez industrial area.

# Hizbullah is its own master

SYRIA has been given ample opportunity in the distant and most recent past to demonstrate its reputed ability to curb the activities of the Iranian-backed Hizbullah.

However, Hizbullah proved yesterday, once again, that it does not give a hoot for American diplomacy, Syrian pressure (if indeed any has been applied), or Israel's threats.

Hizbullah's deadly attack in the central sector sent a clear message to the US, Israel, and the Syrians: that nobody but Hizbullah has the power or the authority to speak or make deals in its name.

The reported suicide bombing also demonstrated the relative ease with which members of the Islamic Resistance, Hizbullah's fighting arm, can penetrate the zone and perpetrate a pinpoint attack.

There is no doubt that in

addition to improving its explosive technology and methods of detonating these sophisticated devices, Hizbullah has also acquired far more accurate and detailed intelligence than in the past.

It seems more than likely that Hizbullah is receiving such information from residents of the zone and, quite possibly, from SLA defectors or collaborators, who are well acquainted with the IDF's mode of operations.

Hizbullah issued a statement after the attack saying it knew who was in the convoy, which if correct would be very serious indeed.

According to Hizbullah, the other bomb attack in the heart of Bint Jbail township, in the zone's western sector, was directed

against a specific person - Col. Akel Hashem, the SLA commander in the region and a senior member of the force.

This operation, too, appeared designed to carry a message to the IDF, but more so to the SLA and residents of the security zone: that Hizbullah can strike at a designated, individual target wherever and whenever it wants.

That attack did not succeed completely, but the message has undoubtedly been absorbed by the already worried residents of the zone, where Israel's status is being eroded and the battle-hardened image of the IDF is tarnishing in the eyes of the local population.

In such circumstances it will take more than threats and diplomatic efforts to redress the balance and restore the residents' trust in the IDF and its deterrent capability.

# Police statistics: 11,000 cars stolen last year in center of country

CENTRAL District police increased its security activities by 43 percent over the past year, because of the sensitivity of the areas bordering the Green line, district chief Cmdr. Shlomo Aharonishky said yesterday.

While the force has sufficient teams to deal with security matters, it is in need of additional manpower to combat regular crime, he said. Overall crime rose by 8% last year, he said. Presenting the district's 1995 statistics to Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz and other police brass at a conference in Mazeret Bata, Aharonishky said the car theft unit recovered over 1,000 stolen vehicles, arresting 158 suspects. In 1995 more than 11,000 vehicles were stolen from the area stretching from Rehovot to Netanya - a third of all vehicles stolen nationwide - compared with 8,715 in

1994.

Drug offenses also increased in the area in 1995, with more than 50% more files opened against suspected offenders; including 114 files on suspected dealers and over 600 on abusers.

Some 20,152 Arabs from the territories illegally in the district were rounded up during 1995, compared with 8,944 the previous year.

Describing goals for 1996, Aharonishky said internal security is obviously the top priority, but police must also crack down on serious crime, including drug trafficking, car theft, and white collar crime.

Hefetz later described the state of the country as "critical... Police are currently busy trying to prevent further terror attacks at a time when our weak spots were exposed, leaving us vulnerable and open to infiltration."

# NEWS IN BRIEF

- PA police club women demonstrators**  
Palestinian police yesterday clubbed and kicked dozens of Palestinian women who protested outside Nablus jail against the arrest of relatives. About 50 women demanded the release of husbands, sons and brothers arrested in the recent crackdown on members of Hamas and Islamic Jihad. "Our sons are not terrorists, they are honorable men," said a banner carried by the demonstrators. *AP*
- PLO says PNC won't meet during closure**  
The Palestinian National Council will not convene to amend its charter while Israel keeps the self-rule areas closed, an adviser to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat said yesterday. "As long as the Gaza Strip and West Bank are under siege, and as long as Israel does not respond to our conditions, the PNC [Palestine National Council] session cannot be held," Khaled Salam said. Under the Oslo accords, the PLO is obliged to convene the PNC by May 7 to amend the parts of its charter calling for the destruction of Israel. *Reuter*
- Jordan arrests Islamic militants**  
About 20 Muslim militants have been arrested for allegedly plotting to attack Jordanian politicians and to destabilize the kingdom, Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Kabariti said yesterday. The arrests appeared to be aimed at appeasing Israel and restraining Jordan's Muslim fundamentalists. However, Kabariti told lawmakers in a closed-door session Tuesday the arrests were made after security authorities foiled numerous sabotage attempts over the last six months. *AP*
- Chicago Symphony Orchestra cancels visit**  
Plans for a Chicago Symphony Orchestra trip this summer to Israel for Jerusalem 3000 celebrations have been called off. Concern for the orchestra's safety was the reason given for executive director Henry Fogel's decision to cancel the trip. Last month, Fogel said the concert details were not final, although music director Daniel Barenboim talked about it enthusiastically. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

# PA hands out death sentence for first time

(Reuter) - A Gaza court sentenced three Palestinians to death by hanging yesterday for murdering a moneychanger, the first time Palestinian Authority judges have invoked capital punishment.

Khaled al-Qidra, PA attorney-general, said the three men - cousins in their 20s - have 10 days to file an appeal.

Mattar, Salah, and Wael al-Shobaky were convicted by a three-judge Criminal Court of murdering Palestinian moneychanger Abdallah Shehada, 50, in Gaza City.

They hit him on the head with a hammer in their car and stole several thousand dollars from him on February 29, prosecutors said.

The three pleaded guilty to the murder charge. A fourth defendant, M'amoun Aitalla, pleaded innocent, but the court convicted him of being an accessory and sentenced him to life imprisonment with hard labor.

Qidra said prosecutors will appeal against the jail sentence and ask a higher court to order Aitalla's execution as well.

All four men were arrested by Palestinian police in the first week of March and their trial, which stretched for several lengthy sessions, made headlines in the local press.

# IDF, police test new security equipment at borders

THE police and the IDF this week tested new security equipment for examining vehicles at the Erez checkpoint and at the Lebanese border, in response to the recent terror attacks.

Companies here and abroad are offering their anti-terror equipment for testing, following the pledge of \$100 million by US President Bill Clinton for hi-tech equipment for Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal's separation plan and the prevention of terror attacks.

The Under Vehicle Surveillance System, imported by the Israeli TAR company from Britain, provides an electronic picture of the underside of vehicles at a remote terminal, and can identify bombs and other objects attached to them. It is in use at both ends of the Eurotunnel.

According to TAR, the data may be computerized and the equipment thus also used for vehicle identification, to help recover stolen cars being smuggled into the territories and Gaza.

The surveillance system was tested this week at the Good Fence at Rosh Hanikra, checking vehicles crossing into Israel. On Tuesday, it was tested in Gaza on around 50 vehicles.

The system may also be used in conjunction with explosives detectors used at checkpoints, both the kind in use here and the type being sent from the US. The Border Police and IDF use such detectors at Erez and other checkpoints.

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# Hungary to vote on giving survivors pensions

THE Hungarian cabinet is expected to approve a plan today that would provide thousands of Holocaust survivors with monthly pensions, sources at the World Jewish Restitution Organization confirmed yesterday.

The pensions, estimated to be \$50 a month, would be paid by the government, acting as the agent of a new foundation set up by the Hungarian Jewish community and the WJRO.

In effect, the government pensions would constitute a sort of loan to the foundation, which would earn an income in the future from the use and sale of returned Jewish property.

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### Last-minute appeal holds up Har Homa plan

BY BILL HUTMAN

THE controversial plan to build a Jewish neighborhood at Har Homa — on land annexed to Jerusalem in 1967 — has again been halted, this time by a last-minute court appeal.

David Meir, director of the Makor development company, which has been fighting the plan for years, charged in his appeal that the commission acted in bad faith. Meir's company owns a large tract of the land expropriated by the government for the project.

The District Planning Commission approved the project on Tuesday at about 11 a.m., but minutes later the commission secretary was issued a court injunction barring discussion of the plan until at least next week, the Interior Ministry spokeswoman said.

The spokeswoman said the plan must be signed by Interior Minister Haim Ramoo before becoming official, and that Ramoo would not even consider signing until after the appeal is heard on Tuesday.

Ramoo has stated he will give the go-ahead for the construction of a Jewish neighborhood at the site. Several groups led by Peace Now, are demanding he not sign.

The Har Homa neighborhood has been in the planning stage for years. It has been repeatedly held up by opposition by Jewish and Arab landowners and international pressure.

The commission and the Housing and Interior ministries were given until Sunday to reply in writing to Meir's appeal, which claims the authorities did not properly review the objections filed against the plan.



Participants in the UJA's 'Am Ehad' solidarity mission and 'Capital to Capital' young leadership cabinet arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday.

### Secondary school teachers on strike

SECONDARY school teachers will not teach today in protest over the Treasury and Histadrut's refusal to allow their union to be a party to the agreement being worked out on pension rights.

The Secondary School Teachers' Association claims that by preventing it from signing the agreement, it will not be able to effectively defend the rights of its members.

Association head Shosh Oren said she would not agree to the Histadrut "looking out for its members after it negligently managed the pension funds and brought them to their present state and then agreed to a pension plan which harmed the rights of our members." Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz responded by say-

ing that it seems as if Oren is trying to "exploit the struggle that the big unions are waging for the workers in order to advance the teacher's union."

"The pension funds will not be used as a tool in the prestige struggle between the Histadrut Teachers' Union and the Secondary School Teacher's Association," he said.

The Histadrut spokesman said the pension agreement is between the Histadrut, as the operator of the pension funds, and the Treasury.

"The Secondary School Teachers' Association members belong to the Histadrut funds. There are other unions who have more members in the funds," the spokesman said.

## Alternative burial societies get licenses

HAIM SHAPIRO

FOUR burial societies which plan to offer alternative types of burial are to receive licenses to do so from Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetret today.

The societies include Menuha Nehona branches in Haifa, Jerusalem, and Beersheba and Mishkenot Olam in Tel Aviv. Although the licenses represent the first step in the setting up of alternative cemeteries, it could be a matter of years before any actual burials take place.

Oded Iron, head of the Jerusalem Menuha Nehona, said that it is only after the society receives its license that it can acquire land. In the past, he said, the Religious Affairs Ministry had denied a license because the group had no land, and the Israel Lands Administration would not allocate land because the society was not licensed.

It will take some time before alternative burials take place in Jerusalem, he noted, since there is a chronic shortage of burial plots and every proposed cemetery site has thus far been rejected.

As a short-term solution, he said, the Givat Shaul Cemetery could be expanded, in which case Menuha Nehona would expect to be allocated its section. Even then, he said, it would be two years before plots would be available for burials.

Jonathan Friedland, head of the Haifa Menuha Nehona, said that there, too, the first alternative burials would take place in about two years. The society, he said, expects to be allocated a section in the planned cemetery at Tel Regev, near the Yagur junction. Iron said that Menuha Nehona

defines itself as pluralistic. It includes the Conservative and Reform communities, each of which would conduct religious funerals according to its tradition. There would also be the opportunity for secular funerals, in the tradition of the kibbutzim or according to individual wishes.

Iron added that Menuha Nehona also expects to have some Orthodox burials, for those who are observant but unwilling to use existing burial societies or for those who wish to be buried alongside family members in the Menuha Nehona plot.

"We are prepared for those as well," he said.

Iron added that unless a family has some extraordinary demand, the society would be able to work within the limits of free burial financed by the National Insurance Institute.

## Former Maccabi head gets 6 months' community service

FORMER Maccabi Health Fund director-general Rafi Roter, convicted of fraud for a loan given to the Procardia company, was sentenced to six months' community service and fined NIS 101,000 by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Roter, who served in the post for 14 years, was convicted of using Maccabi's tax-free status to give the loan to the private company, Yisrael Rotem, head of Procardia, which is partially owned by Maccabi and provides respiration services to heart patients, was sentenced to five months' imprisonment and fined NIS 111,000. Both companies were also convicted of fraud.

The request for the \$4 million, interest-free loan to Procardia was brought before the Maccabi finance

committee for approval. Roter, who was the committee head, approved the loan. Procardia used the funds to buy the Basel hotel in Tel Aviv, where it set up its recuperation facility.

However, in 1988, an additional agreement regarding the loan was found in the safes at Maccabi, which stated that the loan was to be dollar-linked and carry 6.5 percent interest a year.

The prosecution argued that the interest was listed as coming from discounts and supervisory fees, and thus Maccabi could avoid paying taxes on the profit from the loan.

The indictment against the two also related to their hiring a private detective for personal aims and paying for the services out of Maccabi's funds. (Dim)

## Hospital plan aims to add beds

Sneh: Demand growing as people age

JUDY SIEGEL

A NATIONAL hospitalization plan for the year 2000 has been presented to the government by Health Minister Ephraim Sneh, with the aim of increasing the number of general hospital beds by 3,200 and geriatric beds by 6,500.

Sneh said yesterday that the projected Israeli population of 6.25 million by the year 2000 will require the additional beds. The aging of the population, said Sneh, also requires a significant growth in hospital facilities.

In 1994, there were 2.29 beds per 1,000 residents; the increment will boost this to 2.52 per 1,000. The hospital bed/population ratio in Israel is well below average compared to most Western countries.

nearly every type of department, but the greatest increment is required in internal medicine departments (which would add 1,657 beds under the plan) treating the elderly, and obstetrics departments and neonatal units (requiring 606 beds). Laniado Hospital in Netanya would grow to 400 beds, while Nahariya, Hillel Yaffe (Hadera), Ha'emek (Afula), Meir (Kfar Sava), Kaplan (Rehovot), and Barzilai (Ashkelon) hospitals would grow to 600-650 beds.

Two new hospitals would be established, one in the Haifa suburbs and another in Rishon LeZion, Sneh proposed. Beyond 2000, additional hospitals should be considered in Netanya, Ashdod, Modi'in and the Negev, he said.

Additional beds are needed in

## TV to air more Jewish-oriented shows

Shohat approves NIS 1m. for programs which promote Jewish values

JUDY SIEGEL

TV programs related to Jewish tradition, culture, values, and history will be produced soon, following Finance Minister Avraham Shohat's allocation of NIS 1 million for this purpose.

Minister without Portfolio Rabbi Yehuda Amital requested the funds.

Amital told Shohat that a survey showed that none of the local channels — the state-run Israel TV, the commercial Channel Two, and the cable channels — deal with Jewish subjects, even though the law requires them to do so and a recent public opinion poll found that a significant number of residents are interested in these subjects.

Amital met recently with broadcasting officials and found that they were willing to

produce programs on such subjects and allocate time slots if they had the budget to produce them.

As a result of Shohat's agreement, the Government Publicity Office issued a call for ideas for TV programs on Jewish subjects. Dozens of producers and writers have already offered to work on such projects. A committee of experts will go over the proposals and choose the best, according to Amital's media adviser, Yisrael Cohen.

A Modi'in Ezrahi survey commissioned by Amital's bureau found that TV shows on current subjects related to Judaism are of inter-

est to 61%; documentary films on Jewish life around the world appeal to 52%; 48% want to watch TV debates between religious and secular Jews; 45% want to see a film or dramatic series dealing with different periods of Jewish history; and 37% would watch a public "trial" debating ethical dilemmas relating to Jewish holidays and the Torah portion of the week.

Cohen said the programs will not be broadcast within the framework of "religious programming" for a limited observant audience, as was done in the past. Instead, "they will be aimed at a broader audience and be interesting enough to be broadcast at prime time and win high viewer ratings."

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**Beit She'an sanctions continue**  
Workers at the Beit She'an archeological park continued their sanctions yesterday morning, despite a court order obtained Tuesday by the Antiquities Authority against their closing the site in protest of planned firings.  
Tourists who arrived yesterday morning at the site were turned back for the fourth straight day by the workers, who blocked the entrance and burned tires. (Dim)

**20 hurt in Jerusalem fire**  
Twenty people suffered light injuries from smoke inhalation when a fire broke out very early yesterday morning in an eight-story apartment building in Jerusalem's Kiryat Hayovel neighborhood.  
The blaze was caused by a short circuit in a circuit breaker box on the ground floor of the building, the fire department said. The residents gathered on their porches and the roof of the building, and firefighters called on them to wait to be evacuated and to not try to climb down or jump. After the building's electricity was shut off, the firefighters began to put out the fire, quickly bringing it under control. (Dim)

**Couple crushed to death by truck**  
A couple from moshav Yesud Hama'ala, were crushed to death yesterday morning by a truck driven by a member of nearby kibbutz Kfar Szold. The Harasim, who have four children, had been on their daily early morning walk around the moshav. (Dim)

**David Bowie coming to Tel Aviv**  
British pop star David Bowie is expected to perform at the Yarkon Park in Tel Aviv on July 3. Bowie, whose most recent album was 1995's *Outside*, made a name for himself in the '70s with albums such as *Ziggy Stardust*, *Heroes*, and *Diamond Dogs*.  
Jerusalem Post Staff

**Aloni named 'Humanist of the Year'**  
Arts and Science Minister Shulamit Aloni was named the Humanist of the Year by the Israel Association for Secular Humanistic Judaism yesterday.  
The award was given "in recognition of her contribution over many years to the promotion of awareness toward secular humanistic Judaism ... and her unremitting struggle for individual and civil rights." Helen Kaye

**Burg meets with Menem**  
Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg yesterday delivered a message on fighting terrorism from Prime Minister Shimon Peres to Argentinian President Carlos Menem, the agency spokesman said. Burg is on a 10-day visit to South America.  
Menem promised he would not rest until the perpetrators of the bombings of the Israeli Embassy four years ago and the Jewish community building in July 1994 were brought to justice. He said he would personally support the death penalty for the terrorists.  
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# Lee okays union with a democratic China

TAIWAN'S president, making a conciliatory gesture amid threatening Chinese war games, said yesterday he wants better relations and eventual reunification.

But President Lee Teng-hui said China first has to be democratic, and Taiwan stands united against military intimidation before weekend presidential elections.

In an attempt to quell independence sentiment, China has been holding war games in two parts of the 145-km-wide Taiwan Straits.

One set held 120 km southwest of Taiwan ended yesterday after nine days of maneuvers, China's Xinhua News Agency said.

In the second area, just 18 km from outlying Taiwanese islands, "only a few ship activities" took place, perhaps because of bad weather, Taiwan's Defense Ministry said.

It said there was no sign of large-scale joint exercises by China's army, navy and air force.

Taiwan is ruled by the Nationalists, who fled in 1949 after losing a civil war to the Communists. Both governments say the island and China are one country.

"We have with good will extended both hands to our compatriots on the Chinese mainland," Lee said at

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a news conference with foreign reporters.

"We would like in the future to have China unified, in freedom (and) democracy."

Lee's running mate, Lien Chan, said Taiwan wants to resume talks on economic and political ties.

"We are interested in seriously negotiating a peace agreement between the two sides of the straits," he said. "The content of this agreement is something that should be left for the future. But the major thing for improvement would be the renunciation of the use of force."

Lien also thanked the US for its moral support, underscored by a second US Navy battle group heading into the Malacca Strait on its final run into waters off Taiwan.

But China, which labelled the US decision to send naval battle groups towards Taiwan as a "brazen show of force", showed no signs of easing pressure on Taiwan as the island prepared for its first direct presidential election.

The American aircraft carrier USS Independence and other warships are patrolling near Taiwan, an act that China says has fanned tensions.

Another aircraft carrier is en route to the area.

Hong Kong's Beijing-financed Wen Wei Po newspaper quoted Chinese military experts as saying it would take just five or six hours for PLA troops to cross the 209-km strait.

A western diplomat in Beijing dismissed this view, saying the claim was part of the drive to intimidate Taiwan's voters.

US Defense Secretary William Perry and other US experts have said China does not have the capability to invade Taiwan.

Defense strategists from China, Taiwan, Thailand and the Philippines, meeting in Sampran, Thailand, said China's military exercises were just a show of force and unlikely to result in war.

The vote by Taiwanese for their president is to be the culmination of a decade of reforms that have transformed it from a military dictatorship into a democracy.

China, angered at Lee's recent attempts to raise Taiwan's international profile, has accused him of preparing to declare independence, and launched the war games last week as a warning.

The war games have rattled Taiwan's financial markets and triggered panic buying of US dollars.



Taiwan's President Lee Teng-hui gives a thumbs-up sign as Taipei City Council speaker Chen Chien-chih (left) looks on during a visit to the Temple of Medicine God yesterday.

## Quake rocks northwest China

BEIJING (AP) - A powerful earthquake of 6.9 magnitude jolted a centuries-old trading center along the Silk Road in China's remote northwest, killing at least 24 people and leaving more than 10,000 homeless.

More than 78 people were injured in the quake, which struck at 11 p.m. Beijing time, officials at earthquake bureaus said yesterday. The epicenter of the quake was about 60 km northeast of Kashgar, a city of 240,000 in far west Xinjiang, near Pakistan.

The forbidding desert area, dotted with low-lying mountains, is

sparsely populated. Small towns are built around scattered oases.

The death toll was expected to rise because by late yesterday reports had been received from only one village in Jiashi County, just south of the epicenter.

Communications links were knocked out in some of the hardest-hit areas, making immediate assessment of damage and casualties difficult.

Seventeen of those killed were children under the age of 8, said Bake Aji, director of the Kashgar Seismology Bureau.

"They were home watching tele-

vision and couldn't get out fast enough when the earthquake hit," Bake said. China has no time zones despite its vast size, so 11 p.m. in Xinjiang is actually evening.

Bake said nine of the injured were hurt seriously by collapsing walls and roofs.

In Jiashi, soldiers and local officials were distributing tents to homeless families, said Zhang Yunfeng of the Xinjiang Seismology Bureau.

Temperatures were around freezing yesterday and were expected to drop to minus 10C overnight, he said.

## Dole finally nails down nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) - Bob Dole says his quick wrap up of the Republican presidential nomination shows he offers "the right agenda for the next generation," but admits the prospect of being president is "scary."

What looms is the selection of a running mate - a delicate matter - and a renewed threat of a Ross Perot third-party candidacy.

Solid victories in four Midwestern states on Tuesday, coming exactly a month after a humiliating loss to commentator Pat Buchanan in New Hampshire, nailed down the party's nomination for the 72-year-old Dole. He had first sought it 16 years ago.

"The moral of the story is if you keep on trying you can win," Dole said in an interview broadcast yesterday on CBS television.

"It's scary in a sense that you want to be sure you can do it," he added. "I'm convinced I can."

With Buchanan reduced to nuisance status, Dole is also planning to give himself a week off soon in the Florida sunshine.

For now "I'm going to be a full-time senator," Dole said, following his strategy of using his Republican leadership position to

carry the fight to the president.

In a first skirmish yesterday, the rivals agreed to a White House meeting for one more effort to settle their year-long dispute over how to balance the government's budget and still preserve their competing priorities.

Dole's intention is to use Republican majorities to put before Clinton bills - tax cuts, welfare reform, regulatory reform - bearing the Republican stamp.

The idea is to make Clinton choose between going along or being charged as defender of the status quo.

White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta said the unique situation would challenge both Dole and Clinton.

"I think it's going to be a test of his leadership," Panetta said of Dole on an NBC-TV morning show.

Dole predicted that Clinton's edge in head-to-head polls against him would melt away now that Dole is the clear candidate.

"We're going to be hard at work convincing the American people we have the right agenda for the next generation and the next century," he said.

## Winnie Mandela calls her divorce a 'travesty of justice'

JOHANNESBURG (AP) - Winnie Mandela called her divorce a "travesty of justice" yesterday and said she was considering appealing to the country's highest court.

Adding her maiden name to her married name, Madikizela-Mandela issued a combative statement a day after President Nelson Mandela was granted a divorce from her amid allegations of adultery.

Madikizela-Mandela had fired her lawyer moments before the judge granted the divorce. She complained yesterday she had been forced to represent herself, and that the judge had refused to wait for her to bring in witnesses.

"For the court to say the evidence we propose to lead cannot conceivably take the matter any further even before hearing that evidence, to a lay-person like me, is a travesty of justice," she said in the statement.

"My ex-husband has fought all his life against this kind of injustice. That such injustice happened in his presence undermines everything our marriage was all about," she said.

It was not clear that Madikizela-Mandela had grounds for the Constitutional Court appeal she said she was considering.

But her statement showed her determination not to quietly end a 38-year marriage that had symbolized struggle against white minority rule, yet collapsed as the black majority came to power.

In his own short statement Mandela said he regretted "that my ex-wife could not bring herself to negotiate an amicable settlement. It would have saved us both and our children much pain."

Madikizela-Mandela had failed to appear in court earlier yesterday for a financial settlement hearing, prompting the judge to dismiss her claim for half of Mandela's assets. Mandela later offered an unspecified out-of-court settlement.

Madikizela-Mandela had estimated her husband's worth at 40 million rand (NIS 31 m.).

But in an affidavit filed prior to the court case, Mandela described his worth as "not of consequence."

His salary is 552,000 rand (NIS 426,000) a year and most of his income from a best-selling autobiography goes to charity.

Mandela, 77, asked for a divorce last year, expressing hope for a quiet settlement. Madikizela-Mandela, 60, refused, forcing this week's formal divorce proceedings.

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those women who just don't feel comfortable exposing more than the minimal amount of flesh. Some of the garments will also be snapped up by New Age hippies who like long skirts and patchwork on everything.

Licking the communication thing

LEON MOSS

SOME years ago I grew tired of searching through telephone directories for frequently used numbers.

So I took a few pages at the back of my homemade organizer (basically an old ring binder), divided the sheets into two and listed names in the first column and phone numbers in the second.

Things progressed. To make the index more efficient I separated the work numbers from the home numbers by adding a third column. The pages began to look professional and the amount of numbers steadily grew.

Then fax machines became popular and I carefully added a fourth column. I had to reduce the size of the writing at this point as the columns were taking more than their fair share of the page.

With the appearance, two or three years ago, of cellular phones, I had to turn the pages through 90 degrees - to landscape format - and painstakingly rewrite all the lists to accommodate the extra column of numbers.



ular phone rings all the time - especially when he has both hands deep in the dark cavern at the back of my set - said: 'You wouldn't want to be caught without your TV set on Eurovision night.'

It took me the best part of a month to redo my telephone index, but now I have this communication thing licked. I thought.

THAT WAS UP to last month.

When I became an Internet subscriber. Suddenly everyone I may need to call offers me business cards filled with very small print, specifying all the ways that I can make contact.

These two addresses, which I shall have to add to my index, are not easy. (As it is, phone and fax numbers are increasing from six to seven digits, and cellular phone

numbers have nine digits.) There seems to be no limit to the length of E-mail addresses or cyberspace numbers. No one makes index books wide enough to handle the mass of communication information I carry around.

I conceded defeat and timidly entered a computer software store. I explained my problem to a 16-year-old salesman and ended up buying a database program which, according to him, will store all the information I enter, sort it alphabetically, by numbers, by price, or any way I choose.

He explained that the program had space for the numbers that are still to come, such as one's satellite call-up code, your videophone number and who knows, the way things are going, your number in the next world.

If I need the plumber in an emergency because the main water pipe has burst and the water is rising at a terrifying rate in the basement, I simply have to do the following:

- Pray that the computer is feeling well and switch it on.
• Wait for it to click, whir and reach operating temperature.
• Find the database icon on the screen and click on it.
• Locate the plumber's number. I can instruct the computer to dial it for me, but I still have to shout "Help!" on my own.
• I have been able to dispense with my outside, dog-eared, tattered organizer which I designed to suit my own needs and which I loved so dearly. In its place I now wear a small silver disc on a chain around my neck. On it is engraved one number.
• The computer repairman.

Cheaper TV for seniors

CAVEAT EMPTORI! RUTHIE BLUM

At the beginning of January, S.H. received notification to pay her TV license fee (agrat hatelevizia) in four installments...

Friends told her that, as a pensioner, she was now entitled to a 50 percent discount. The bill she received showed no indication of this new benefit, however.

So S.H. phoned the local office of the Israel Broadcasting Authority in Netanya to ask how she should proceed to ensure that the bank would acknowledge the discount.

To her dismay, the busy signal resounded around the clock, around the country, for days on end. When her cramped index finger could stand it no longer, S.H. resorted to the mail.

S.H. is furious. "What is the point of giving telephone numbers to ring," she asks, "if it is impossi-

ble to get through?" Furthermore, she is concerned about the first payment having been made via standing order, without having received the discount.

I was able to reach the central collection department of the IBA. According to this office, S.H. has nothing to worry about.

A quick feeding of S.H.'s ID number into the IBA computer revealed that the discounted price was deducted from her bank account. The confusion on the part of S.H., as well as on the part of an unaware bank clerk, was due to the fact that this particular addition to the Senior Citizens Act went into effect only at the beginning of February.

THE SOLUTION, according to collection department director Avi Katz is as follows: Those senior citizens who have a standing order at the bank will be billed in accordance with the new law automatically (four times a year), and those who pay directly - to either the IBA or the bank - will be billed only for the first two installments.

Regarding the incessant busy signals, the IBA claims to have been swamped over the last couple of months with hundreds of calls. Perhaps, if they had taken the time to inform the banks of the new arrangement, citizens such as

S.H. would not have felt the need to phone.

Unfortunately, a great deal of confusion among senior citizens has arisen over legislation which directly affects them. One exasperated pensioner commented: "I can't be expected to walk around toting law books wherever I go!"

These volunteers are trained to deal with a wide range of problems, both personal and technical. Well-versed in the ins and outs of Israeli bureaucracy - particularly where relevant to seniors - they can answer questions relating to legal rights and financial benefits which so many pensioners find daunting or unclear.

To contact the service in your area, call your local branch of the NII (Hamosad Lebinah Hale'umi). The switchboard will connect you to Service for the Aged. Assistance is provided in a number of languages (including English, Russian and Amharic.) Written material is available as well.

You are invited to ask questions or offer personal stories about goods and services in this country. Write to: Ruthie Blum, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

'New Man' down but not out

THE New Man, that gentle fellow always imagined in floppy flannel shirt and open sandals, has not been much in evidence of late.

Born of the 1970s, he proclaimed himself an advanced development of the species that does good, works in the kitchen and the nursery, and is active in the "green" movement.

He drove a car with a small engine rather than consume finite resources, and was proud to change diapers while his wife - sorry, partner - tackled meaningful questions at her local feminist support group.

He flourished, at least for a while, in the more refined urban centers of east-coast America.

Now there are signs of an attempted comeback. Odd, because he always seemed thoroughly un-American. It is hard to imagine a New Man as cowboy, muscular hard-hat worker or steel-jawed corporate executive (a crude spectrum of the all-American ideal).

Even as a counter-culture rebel, he was pretty much killed off by the end of the 1980s as Camille Paglia and other best-selling leaders of the Y-chromosome-free cultural elite proclaimed that women should be women, men should be men, and spanking could be fun.

Extinction seemed certain when biological behaviorism became a fad of the Nineties, and Time magazine proclaimed that men were programmed to charge around fighting for survival, scattering their genes and targeting the

youngest possible women as prey. But now comes news that New Man is hanging on, and still preaching his gospel from the safe retreat of the university campus - which may, indeed, be his natural habitat.

Recently his seed has been cast into the wider, wilder world in a book, Manhood in America: A Cultural History, by Professor Michael Kimmel, a sociologist at the University of New York.

He believes that "there is a malaise among American men," and his analysis of the American male through the two centuries of the republic has a lot going for it.

As many American women will tell you, the males of the nation can be a bit odd. They tend to be over-sensitive to gender slights, imbued with an odd mixture of egotistical psycho-babble and pioneer emotional reticence, and convincingly schooled in manly competition.

Kimmel charts the course of this development through various "prototypes," from the genteel patriarch of the Founding Father days, through the Heroic Artisan of Yankee culture, to the key figure of the Self-Made Man.

The problem is that the bearer of the male seed has become overburdened with the requirements of Self-Made Maleness.

"The self-made men are chronically restless, anxious and don't really know what it means to be a man," he concludes. The result is American man defined by "bulges" - "wallets, crotches, biceps." The poor afflicted male is dri-

ven by an unending need to prove his worth in all three, never quite secure in his fortune, physique or physical union with his woman.

This all sounds reasonably convincing. The problem comes with the New Man prescription for a rosier future.

Kimmel calls for a "new definition" of masculinity for the 21st century, one based on male prowess in "compassion and nurturing." He tours the campuses telling students not to fear feminism but to "embrace it."

Even so, the cowboy remains America's defining incarnation of the Rugged Individual; and the New Man can only wring his hands, at news from the wilds of Arizona.

There, Terry Clanton, a conciliatory, nurturing type, sought to re-bury an ancestor to reunite him with his family.

His ancestor, Ike Clanton, ran away from the fabled gunfight at the OK Corral outside the Arizona town of Tombstone, leaving his brother and father to die before the blazing guns of Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday.

Father and brother are buried with honors at Tombstone's Boot Hill graveyard, where their headstones are admired by hundreds of thousands of tourists every year. But Ike, hurried in an unmarked grave 160 km. away, was branded forever a coward.

Now the mayor and city council of Tombstone have flatly refused Clanton's request for a reconciliation of the dead. They have values to protect. (The Daily Telegraph)

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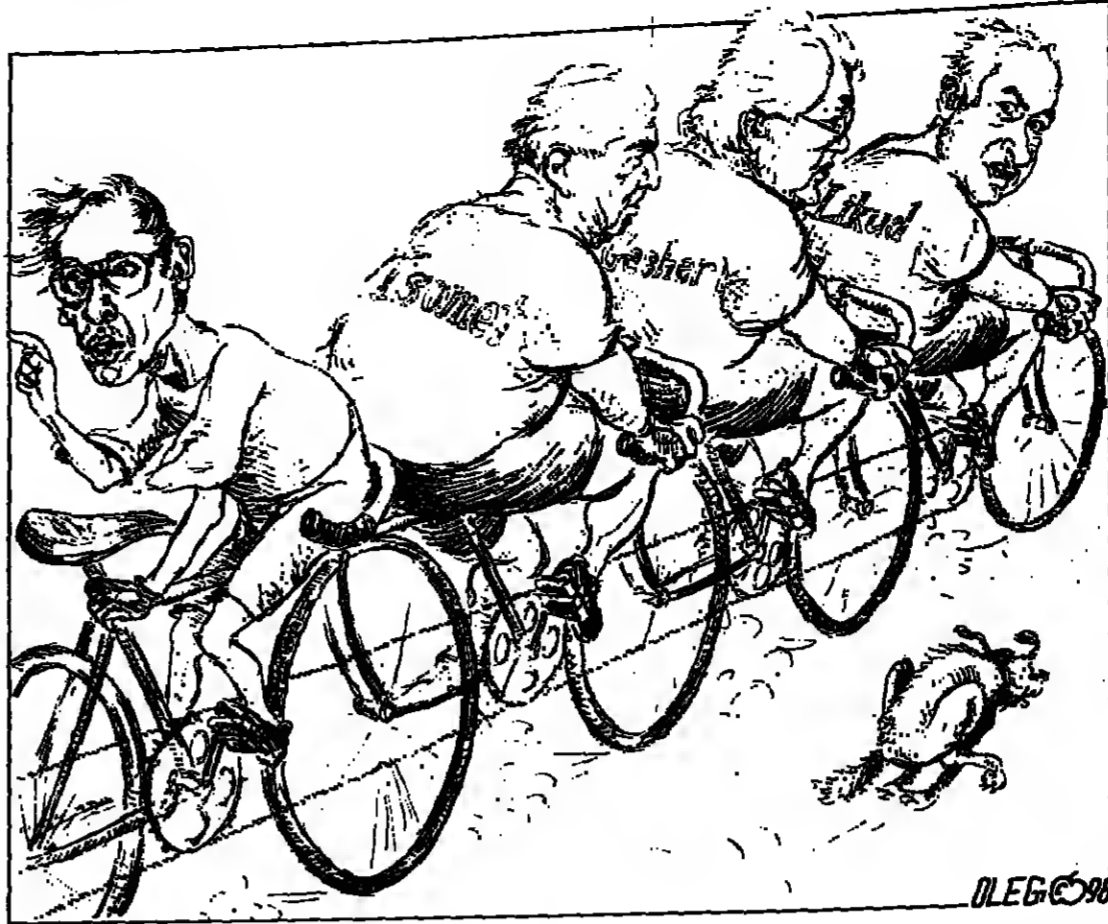
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## OPINION



### American assurances

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres is entitled to decide that the IDF should exercise restraint in Lebanon and respond only defensively to Hizbullah provocations. He is Israel's leader and the decision is his. And since he believes that there is only a political solution to the relentless war being waged against Israel by this Syrian proxy army, it is only logical for him to refrain from irritating his partner to the negotiations.

trayed by Assad in the past dozen years, the US still trusts his assurances that he will curb the Hizbullah. But for the US, Syria is not much more than a relatively insignificant tyranny. And it is not American soldiers who are at risk. The soldiers who are losing their lives on the Lebanese border are Israeli. And it is the duty of Israel's prime minister not to trust irresponsible American assurances which may put Israeli soldiers at risk. He may even want to ponder if these assurances are as trustworthy as past American sedatives about Saddam's intentions, or as reliable as the intelligence the US is expected to provide Israel once the early warning stations on the Golan are relinquished.

### Charges over Jerusalem

IT is not unusual for politicians to call each other liars. And, regrettably, much of the time there is good reason to assume that the epithets are not inaccurate. Nor is it surprising that as the election campaign heats up, the contestants' lexicon deteriorates alarmingly. But the current exchange between Minister Yossi Beilin and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert is too important to be relegated to the garbage heap of campaign rhetoric. For what is at stake is the future of Jerusalem.

over any part of the city. On the contrary. Speaking before the 16th annual International Jerusalem Conference of Mayors this week, Peres vowed Jerusalem would never be divided, repeating the familiar formula: Jerusalem will remain the undivided capital of Israel forever. To make the point even stronger, Beilin said on Tuesday he will head the team that will bring Moslem-Arab recognition of Israeli sovereignty over an undivided Jerusalem, an act which, he said, will render the Likud superfluous.

### Seen & heard at Sharm

Huddled together over an intimate late lunch at Sharm e-Sheikh with two of Egypt's fiercest critics of Israel, Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov hesitated before answering a direct question aimed at him from a writer of this column: "Will Russia back the protests against Iranian financing of Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorism in Israel?"

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That was clearly his attitude. IDF Chief of Staff Amnon Shahak sounded a consoling note, saying that he sensed a change among some Arab leaders at the conference - particularly the Jordanians - concerning the fight against terrorism.

But then Primakov replied smoothly: "We don't believe that Iran finances Hamas or Islamic Jihad, and so we can't pressure Teheran." This response seemed music in the ears of Primakov's luncheon companions. Amr Mnussa, the Egyptian foreign minister who is never lacking in hostile intent toward Israel, and Osama el-Baz, President Mubarak's bad-mouther of Israel. Mubarak's puppetmaster, el-Baz is the Egyptian official who manipulates Yasser Arafat.

#### Terror was the last thing on the minds of those who came to the summit

We bumped into Maj.-Gen Danny Yatom, personal military secretary to both Yitzhak Rabin and Peres. He asked light-heartedly: "Maybe you can tell me all the latest news?" He was slightly less genial when he replied: "As you're to be the next Mossad chief, you're the man with all the secrets. You will certainly have to know everything." At this, Yatom shrugged his shoulders in embarrassed silence.

ers stared pointedly at the non-plussed Yatom. NOT BEING steeped in the thinking of the military or the intelligence services, Peres nevertheless knew immediately that he had just smashed a treasured tradition. It has always been accepted that public naming of the Mossad's boss might jeopardize his personal safety - particularly if he traveled abroad - and also damage some Mossad operations. Perhaps these restraints no longer apply. Dennis Ross, coordinator of the peace talks between Israel and the PLO in Washington, told this column that "Following the anti-terror summit we'll get down to discussing the funding, supplying of weapons, and other details involved in fighting terror." Ross added that he was more upbeat than anybody else present - but only after bitter arguments with other participants to get them to agree to add their names to the condemnation of terrorist acts.

## Package deal

GWYNNE DYER

I don't often ask people to read a drive, especially when the subject is painful and tragic. But we often suspend all critical faculties in the face of great tragedy, and accept rubbish as analysis.

Take this example from Britain's *Guardian* last week after Thomas Hamilton massacred 16 schoolkids in Dunblane, Scotland.

"Hamilton's outrage will return to the sub-culture it emerged from... where repression, self-loathing, the need for power - through brutality, the taste for oblivion, and the sublimation of every important thing to the demands of a mangled libido, lie in a well of unknowing too deep for tears. We may be thankful at how very seldom it is that all these parts come together in one man, but it is hard to face the fact that the parts are to be found simmering on our every side."

Now this sort of writing wouldn't sneak past the lowest night sub-editor if it were about an ordinary news story. But when it's a lone gunman acting out some private fantasy of revenge, our brains tend to go. Sententious speculation about the dark side of human nature fills the Western media, and everybody with an axe to grind is given air time.

But never mind all that. Is there anything sensibly said about an event like Dunblane?

Start with the basics. Killing is part of our evolutionary heritage. Early human beings were very violent. The Bushman bands of the Kalahari have been heavily romanticized by ethnologists, but it has been calculated that one-quarter of Bushman males (and a significant proportion of females) died at the hands of other Bushmen.

Very little of this was "warfare," and equally little was deliberate murder. These were people with plenty of weapons and very poor impulse control.

IN TERMS of personal violence, civilization has been a great deal safer. Any city culture has to develop very good impulse control, or life would become impossible.

The downside of civilization is that wars have gotten vastly more efficient. Our moral distress at private murders got trained out of us when it came to killing enemies, even civilians; in war, I know men, former World War II bomber crews, who killed many more innocent children than Thomas Hamilton, but nobody (myself included) regards them as murderers.

### The Dunblane massacre was one of the prices modern democracies pay for freedom

Domestic security in Western Europe and the US probably peaked in 1850-1950, when newly-efficient police forces and the social discipline inherited from the past combined to render much of the middle classes virtually impervious to violence. Much of urban Asia is now passing through a similar apogee of security.

But as societies democratize and the traditional reflexes of defence erode, the murder rate goes up again. Which brings us to the recent phenomenon of mass murder committed by private individuals.

An unhappy truth: This phenomenon is a side-effect of freedom.

The screwed-up loners who commit mass murders are not a new breed of human being, but a traditional society they would have been forced to associate with other people. They would have seen the images of violence and pornography that fueled the fantasies, in particular images of other mass killers. Masses wouldn't have seemed so double-edged. What can we do? Well, we can't stuff freedom back into the bottle, and we shouldn't. Anybody who believes that the sum of human happiness has been diminished by modernization knows very little history. And a modern society where massacres go unreported is inconceivable.

But you can do something about the kinds of pornography and the extreme political organizations that help move susceptible individuals down the road from weirdo to mass murderer. Modern democracies pay a lot of prices for giving their people so much freedom, and the Dunblane massacre was one of them. Couldn't have happened in the Scotland of 200 years ago; but 200 years ago half the children of Dunblane would have been dead from disease or malnutrition before they reached school age.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### HUGH-JONES REPLIES

Sir, - Another bucket of mud for Hugh-Jones from David Bar-Ilan. Your readers must be tired, as I am. The blame is yours. If you choose to go on and on defaming me, I have no choice but to clean the muck off.

1. First you put out a smear of "antisemitism." When I protested, you told your readers, in effect "Ah, that proves it." In fact, I've repeatedly disproved it. So now you pretend you never made the charge - while still insinuating that it's true.

### FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Sir, - I refer to your editorial of March 10. Never have I seen a newspaper like *The Jerusalem Post* whose editorials and news pages drip with such hatred towards our prime minister, Shimon Peres.

True, this is still a free country and every person including newspaper editors enjoys freedom of speech and expression. But such freedom has its limitations and responsibilities. This applies even more to editors of the only English-language daily in the country.

### ARCHAIC SLOGAN

Sir, - Please drop your filler, "buy blue and white and keep Israel in the pink." It is an archaic slogan for a dysfunctional protectionist economic policy.

### POOR TASTE

Sir, - I cannot understand how a paper which calls itself a good paper could have such bad taste as to publish Oleg's cartoon of February 27. I have no words to condemn this gutter humor and this at a time when the last victims of the most recent bombing had not even been buried and the whole nation was in mourning, irrespective of political opinions.

### MUTUALLY ASSURED DESTRUCTION

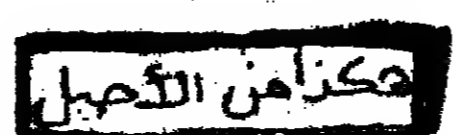
Sir, - To combat terrorism, it is time for new ideas. In the Cold War, the policy of Mutually Assured Destruction kept the peace between the US and Russia. Could this idea be adapted to keep the peace between Israel and Hamas, instead of the present policy of bluster and empty threats?

## POSTSCRIPTS

DON'T MENTION THE Germans episode to John Cleeve, and steer clear of the Ministry of Silly Walks. The former Monty Python funnyman said that seeing some of his 1970s acts, now thought of as classics, makes him cringe. "It was all embarrassingly awful," he said. The Germans episode of *Fawlty Towers* features Cleeve as deeply neurotic hotelier Basil Fawlty, beseeching staff, "Don't mention the war" to a German tour group. Fawlty ends up bringing up the war himself, prompting tears from his guests. "I watched the German episode, and I spotted three absolutely terrible bits of slapstick," he said. "I suppose there comes a time when you start seeing the flaws."

almost complete silence," he recalled. "Afterwards I said to the other Pythons: 'You see! They said: "If it doesn't work in Brighton tomorrow night then we'll drop it." Of course, it did work in Brighton. But that's comedy.'" DO YOU consider yourself well-read? See how many of the following books you've seen. The book *The Bookseller's* list of "101 Bizarre Book Titles," published in *The Sun* in London.

- Lesbian Sadomasochism Safety Manual (1990)
- How to Avoid Huge Ships
- Watermark Diseases of the Cricket Bat (1992)
- Children Are Like Wet Cement (1981)
- (Watch this space for more...)
- A MAN WENT to pick up his car at the garage, only to find that it - and his father's ashes in a box in the trunk - were long gone.
- "There's 60,000 miles on the car. Brand new tires. A \$2,000 stereo system... and poor old Dad in the back," said car owner Hank Bulla.
- Bulla, a youth minister from Polk City, Florida, had to leave his car at an unfamiliar garage after it broke down. Mechanic Danny Keene explained that he fired the car and then lent it to a woman he knew only as "Barbara" so she could go to the grocery store. She did not return.
- "I just want my father back," Bulla said.



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# TRAVELER

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## PEAK ACCESS

### Experiencing the Canadian Rockies

By David Gonzales

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In the midst of the Canadian Rockies is one of the most lavishly appointed outhouses in North America. Throw rugs adorn its floor; maps and posters paper the ceiling and walls; a battery-powered lamp hangs over the seat; shelves on both sides of the door are stacked with magazines and "Yoo are in Bear Country" pamphlets. There's even a guest book. Past patrons have filled it with plaudits, some in verse, for the outhouse's amenities and scenic location beside the Sunwapta River.

Where else in the world you could peek out a lavatory door at

mountains and a milky-blue river while reciting, in regal luxury, mildly scatological odes composed by your predecessors?

In Canada, the Rockies are not the broad, bulking beasts that they are in the United States. Instead, the mountains are sharp and densely arrayed, as if Alberta was the resting place of a huge, primordial predator, its jaws stretched open to each horizon and resplendent with row upon row of needle-like teeth.

Wedged among many peaks are glaciers—cracked tongues of ice drooping from ledges and canyons. In Jasper, Banff and Yoho, any flat ground—in forested valleys or at the shores of lakes—is at a premium.

Nevertheless, these three Canadian parks have made room for hostels while their American counterparts have not. Besides campgrounds, there are no basic, cheap accommodations within the national parks in Montana, Wyoming or Colorado, the heart of the American Rockies. Sleeping in a bed in Glacier, Yellowstone or

Rocky Mountain national parks will cost you dearly.

In Jasper, Banff and Yoho, however, visitors can drive from one hostel to another, using the bunkhouses, kitchens, saunas and nearby hiking trails to gain a more intimate—and comfortable—acquaintance with the Rocky Mountains, North America's backbone, than can be gained anywhere else.

Of course, comfort is relative, as I am reminded when checking in to the Maligne Canyon Hostel, my first stop in a week-and-a-half long trek through the Canadian Rockies. My bed, in one of the cabins is clustered around a cookhouse, wedged between and under other shelves, each laden with an exhausted and aromatic hiker. The tiny room has the ambience of an airless pantry piled with decaying vegetables.

I've arrived during the summer solstice, when daylight stretches until 11:30 p.m. and there are rewards to putting off bedtime until

the last possible hour. As twilight creeps toward midnight, I cross the road to Maligne Canyon itself, a 150-foot-deep limestone defile carved by a glacial river, which grows and echoes far below. Eventually, darkness falls, and I must return to the bunkhouse.

People come to Jasper to hike. As a guest at Maligne Canyon Hostel, you can't overnight any closer to Maligne Lake, the terminus for some of Jasper's most scenic trails. The Bald Hills trail, for example, climbs 1,575 feet to expansive vistas of Maligne Lake's cerulean surface and the Queen Elizabeth Range, bristling with glacier-streaked pinnacles.

But even these mountains lack the grandeur of 11,030-foot-high Mount Edith Cavell, the park's loftiest peak. In the shadow of this behemoth, named for a heroic British nurse executed by the German Army in World War I, is the Mount Edith Cavell Hostel, which lies at the end of a steep, tortuous road.

Because the Mount Cavell hostel is the most isolated one in the Rockies, and because its guests are spared such trivialities as indoor plumbing and running water, they enjoy as visceral a wilderness experience as can be attained without actually sleeping on the ground.

With its high, remote location, the Mount Edith Cavell hostel has superlative hiking right from its front door. Nearby is Angel Glacier, with a broad upper basin and narrow waist of bluish snow giving it the appearance of a huge, supernatural creature with outstretched wings. In less than an hour, a hosteler can hike to the feet of this soaring glacier and be wrapped in worshipful silence, broken only by an occasional rattle of spindrift streaming from the angel's wingtips.

After my long hikes at Maligne Lake and Mount Edith Cavell, it's time to reacquaint myself with the stuff that streams from a showerhead, which I do at the Whistler's Mountain Hostel, just outside of the town of Jasper. The 70-bunk hostel is well-appointed, but I shrink from its bustle and do not stay the night. Instead, I head south on the Icefields Parkway, the famed route winding through the Rockies, to the tiny Beauty Creek Hostel and its incomparable *loo*.

Because of its location on a 30-mile stretch of empty parkway, the Beauty Creek Hostel appeals to tired bicycle tourists, some of whom might otherwise blanch at its rustic, almost makeshift character.

"It's amazing how good it looks to them when it's pouring rain and they pull up on their bikes," says Laurel Jacques, 26, one of the hostel's caretakers.

Apparently, the lives of Laurel and her partner Victoria Stone, also 26, involve little more than cozy campfires at night, long hikes to nearby Stanley Falls during the day, a bit of cleaning, a bit of paperwork and many contented mornings spent sipping coffee and gazing at the Sunwapta's rolling waters. Indoor plumbing would be superfluous at Beauty Creek. The caretakers and guests have the famous outhouse and a watering-can shower, its plywood walls open at one end to a view of towering Mount Kitchener.

I steer my car west to Yoho National Park for a three-day backpacking trip along its famous Icefield Trail, which skirts a series of glaciers crumbling below 9,000-foot peaks. After my trek, I stop at Yoho's only hostel for a shower and a look around.



Right: Elk at breakfast greet early-rising hostelers in the Canadian Rockies.

Below: The scenery is free at Lake Louise, Banff National Park in the Canadian Rockies.



Photos by David Gonzales

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# Canada

The meal is a river-water stew of caribou and locally-grown potatoes, along with the heavy native bread staple, bannock. Bannock traditionally calls for heaps of fatty butter or lard, and while deadly, it certainly is satisfyingly rich.

For the really hungry among us, there was even fried Spam. We washed it all down with cups of strong tea, and found ways to connect—and laugh—across all our differences. We heard tales of canoeists who didn't make it through all the rough-water spots and had long, scary, hungry walks before reaching safety.

The humor in this and other stories was gentle, expressed by people who are overcoming cultural reserve to invite big city strangers into their homes and lives. They believe tourism can help their community become self-sufficient and culturally strong.

Life in Webequie—and all the isolated communities of the North—is not easy. In addition to rough weather and endemic poverty, tradition is retreating under the assault of the dominant culture. Elders of these communities see the young losing their identity, and they worry.

Webequie has chosen to turn tourism to its own advantage. The hope is these visitors will generate more than much-needed income. Village elders believe limited tourism also can provide a necessary cultural focus.

People here are seeing tourism as a two-fold benefit, explained Bill Rogoza, who works for the Nishnawabé-Aski Nation an organization of native bands.

It not only provides a means of self-sufficiency, it will help maintain the culture of these people. It gives the youth of the community a means of reconnecting with the land.

The idea is that the people coming here to see the sights, breathe the clean air and learn a little about native tradition will give the young of the community reasons to learn and appreciate their own traditions. Taking pride in their heritage can provide direct, immediate economic benefit. By keeping the number of tourists small, Rogoza says, there is opportunity for real exchange among peoples of different cultures.

In areas where travel to the outposts of much of the work raises serious safety concerns, one very comfortable aspect of this trip was how safe it all felt. I knew I was very far from home, yet in the company of our hosts, yet I felt very well cared for.

So far Webequie has not found funds to build an over-sized small hotel. For the foreseeable future guests will be lodged in the vacant four-bedroom duplex used during the school year by visiting grammar school teachers. It has all the necessary comforts—including a washer and dryer and even cable TV.

Meals are served in a native home. Our host was Alfred Mekanak. If you ask him, Alfred may just pull out his fiddle and play one or two of the country tunes

## Heading North? Try Ontario

The six-day Homeland Tour to Webequie and Hudson Bay is available in August only. Reservations are very limited. Now is the time to make plans.

The trip begins with two days in Thunder Bay, Ontario, which is accessible via Northwest Airlines. A highlight is the contact-creating visit to Old Fort William, a very well done, hands-on recreation of an 1815 North West Company fur trading outpost on the Kaministiquia River. If you can arrange your visit to coincide with the annual mid-August Ojibwa festival at Old Fort William, so much the better. The displays of native skills, crafts and costumes will help pave the way for the journey north.

Flights to Webequie are via Bearskin Airlines. Because the weather in northern Ontario is unpredictable, tour organizers ask guests to allow a seventh day in their schedules as a cushion against getting stuck at any point along the tour.

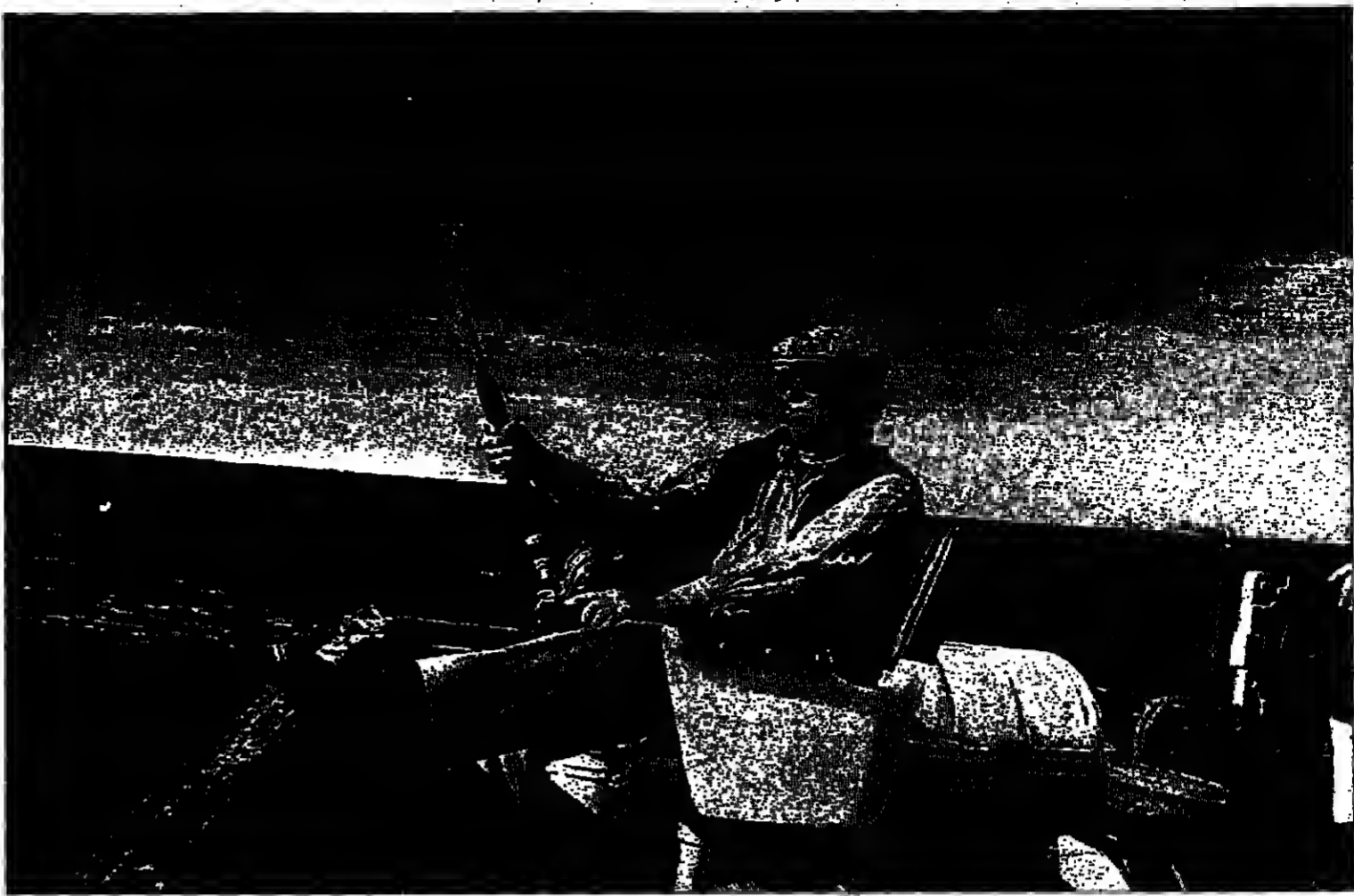
Each departure requires a minimum of six passengers. The cost per person, double occupancy, is about \$2,700 plus airport departure taxes. For information, call Jack Rezy of Moccasin Trails Tours, (001) 708/968-3474.

For information on Old Fort William and the Ojibwa festival, which occurs in mid-August, call (001) 807/577-8461. For more information on Thunder Bay's possibilities, call Bruce Hole at North of Superior Tourism, (001) 807/626-9421.

popular up north.

Certainly, there are some inconveniences that go along with this immersion into local culture. Visitors can't be too put off by the prospect of being beyond instant telephone service or using an outhouse at the river camp. And eating the high-fat local fare will make your cholesterol level jump significantly.

But for this visitor, the trip to Webequie was a winner because it showed how much these people are willing to extend themselves to make strangers feel at home.



Shark fishing is part of the effort to boost tourism in the economically struggling Mes de la Madeleine in Quebec.

Photo by Jack Hafferkamp

# SEA-FARING QUEBEC'S ISLAND PARADISE

By Jack Hafferkamp

**LES DE LA MADELEINE, Quebec**—Antoine Poirier did everything he could to make it easy for us to catch a very large shark. He let us sleep in until 7 a.m. (instead of the originally scheduled 4:30 a.m.).

He took his 35-foot fishing boat, the Joy Earl, to three separate locations. He used his sonar. He trailed a big bucket of beef blood behind his boat as an attractant. He even beat rhythm on the boat hull with a hammer.

"It gets their attention," he said, waving his omnipresent nicotine-reducing cigarette holder.

After nine hours, and in the face of gray skies and 5-foot swells, Poirier tried to talk us into staying out a while longer. When he takes his customers out to catch mako and blue shark, he expects to bag at least one. It's a matter of pride.

I confess that, at the end, I didn't care very much. At 20 miles out to sea, and the only one still on deck in the spray and rain, I was so pleased to get past being seasick that catching anything was secondary. I certainly didn't need to fight a 400-pound mackerel-munching machine to convince me that the Iles de la Madeleine are a great place to visit. I was already convinced.

If you find the seashore restoring, you can't help but love this half-moon shaped archipelago of a half-dozen wind-swept, most French-speaking islands dropped into the Gulf of the St. Lawrence due west of the southern end of Newfoundland.

This is a May-to September vacation paradise: Lots to do outdoors in a beautiful, inviting, far-away-yet-familiar place where the climate is temperate, the locals are easy to get along with and there is a good bar for a late afternoon cocktail and camaraderie.

The islands and their villages are connected by sand dunes and a road stretching 40 scenic miles. Coming here early or late in season is like having a beach all to yourself: great air, the surf and an endless shoreline loop. You can windsurf, bike, hike, swim, sea kayak, bird-watch, drink, even go fishing for mako with Antoine Poirier.

The Madeleines—or Magdelenes as they are known in English—are part of Quebec. The islands are a largely unknown vacation destination in the United States. One result of their influence is that the quality of the dining here is stunning. My accommodation, the Auberge de l'Islet, is a modest motel, but the once-per-month Saturday dinner I happened to on was an exquisite 11-course affair. It was so wonderful that after a nine-hour day at sea in a vain shark hunt, I was willing to sit for five hours to take it all in.

Island culture is Acadian, making these people cousins to Louisiana's Cajuns. Many came here in the 1750s to avoid being deported by the British during the French and Indian Wars, and they endured 150 years of essentially feudal domination and isolation from mainland culture. Antoine Poirier says that his family home got electricity for the first time in the 1960s.

One result of the isolation was that these islands developed their own distinctive maritime way of life, with fishing at its commercial center. Today, fishing is still the main industry, and its importance is commemorated in Roger Langevin's sculpture, "Les Pêcheurs in L'Étang-du-Nord."

But the fishing is not what it used to be. Mackerel may still be plentiful, but ocean perch, flounder and cod, fish that sustained these communities for two centuries, have been overfished. Poirier blames their decline on the big factory ships of Russia and Japan that plundered fish by the ton in great dragnets. He says that commercial cod fishing has been banned in these waters since 1982.

Decline of the deep-water fish species has meant increased reliance on other species, particularly lobster, snow crab and scallops. Since the mid-1980s, islanders have begun farming blue mussels in their lagoons, but economically this does not make up for the loss of both fish and seal hunting. Seals dried up as a market in the 1980s, after worldwide media focused on the bloody excesses of baby seal bunting.

For the 14,000 people who live on Les Iles de la Madeleine, tourism has had to take up the economic slack. To make a decent living today, a fisherman has to live by his wits. I came here as a guest of Quebec

Tourism to check it out firsthand.

That's where Antoine Poirier comes in. He is the first and only licensed shark fisherman in these waters. He has won a Canadian tourism award for coming up with the idea. He is also the president of the islands' seal hunters association. And it turns out he has written a book from the hunters' point of view. Poirier sees hunting seals in terms of an ecological balance, which is now wobbling badly. He compares it to thinning an over-populated deer herd.

"Last year, there were 800,000 baby seals born around here," he says, gesturing with his cigarette holder. "Two hundred thousand will die because they are too weak. There isn't enough to eat for them to develop the fat they need for surviving winter." Why not? Because seals eat cod, too. And since there are no cod, seals have turned to eating what the cod ate, thus cutting cod out of the food chain, and guaranteeing that they won't come back.

This scenario, Poirier says, inevitably will lead to an implosion in the seal population after they have devoured everything in sight.

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Native children are both curious and excited by visitors.

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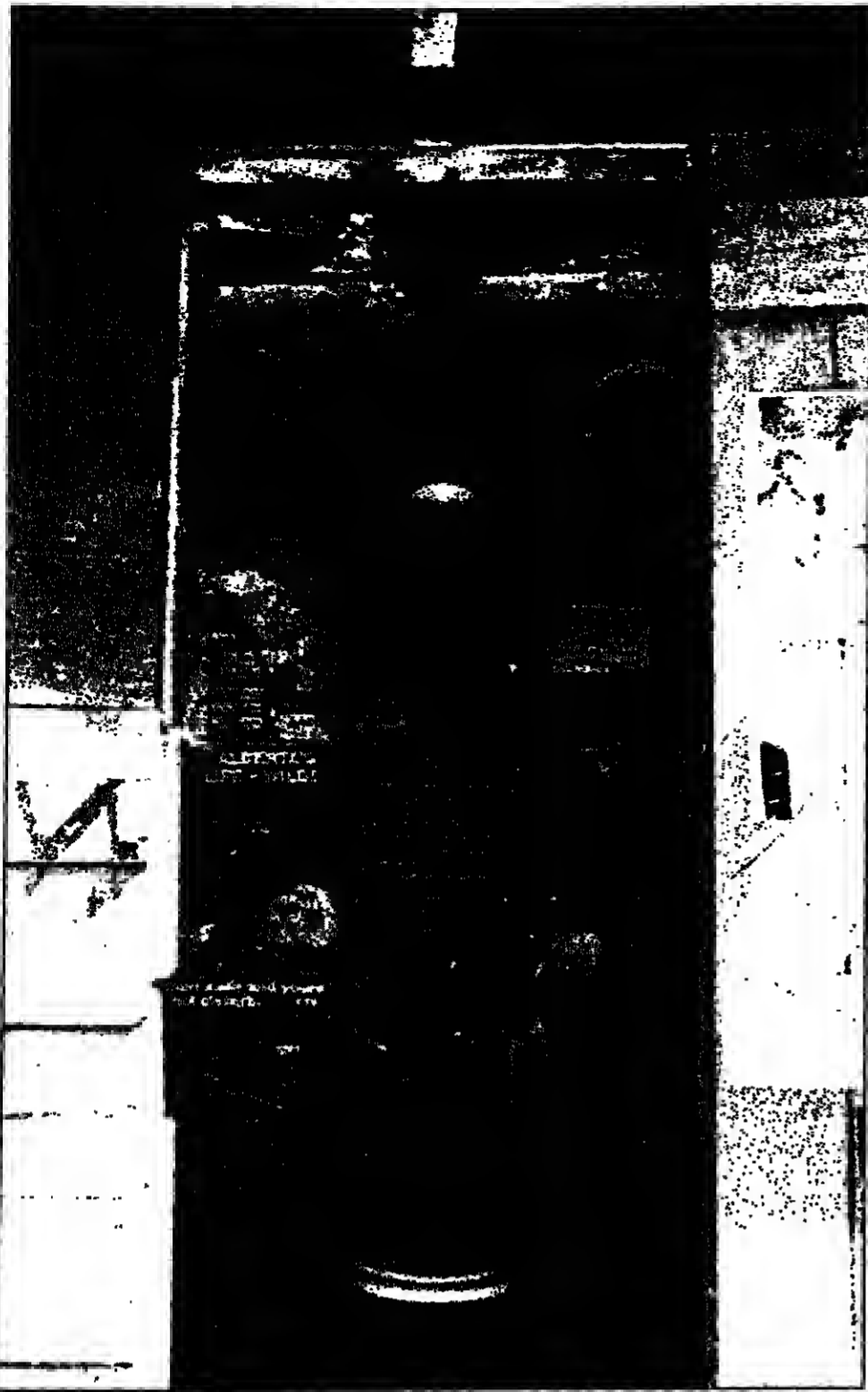
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One of the most lavishly appointed nuthouses in North America awaits visitors at Jasper's Beauty Creek Hostel.

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The price of a hostel stay is ridiculously low. With a membership in Hostelling International, anybody can stay at the Beauty Creek Hostel or any of the other 11 hostels scattered across Jasper, Banff and Yoho National Parks, the three most renowned preserves in the Canadian Rockies along the Alberta-British Columbia border.

Hostelling International is the new moniker adopted by the International Youth Hostel Federation, an umbrella organization of 5,000 hostels around the world. For \$25 per year, members, who may be of any age, have access to every HI establishment on the globe and are given a guidebook that lists HI hostels in Canada and the United States.

A hostel, for those unfamiliar with the concept, commonly consists of two or more bunkrooms, a common living area and a cook-it-yourself kitchen. Instead of banishing guests to separate rooms, hotel-style, a hostel's communal nature brings travelers together and, more important, keeps accommodation prices within reach of skimpy travel budgets. Even the most expensive hostel in the Canadian Rockies, the Lake Louise International Hostel, charges about \$15 per night, though its amenities rival those of a posh mountain chalet.

### THE HOSTEL EXPERIENCE

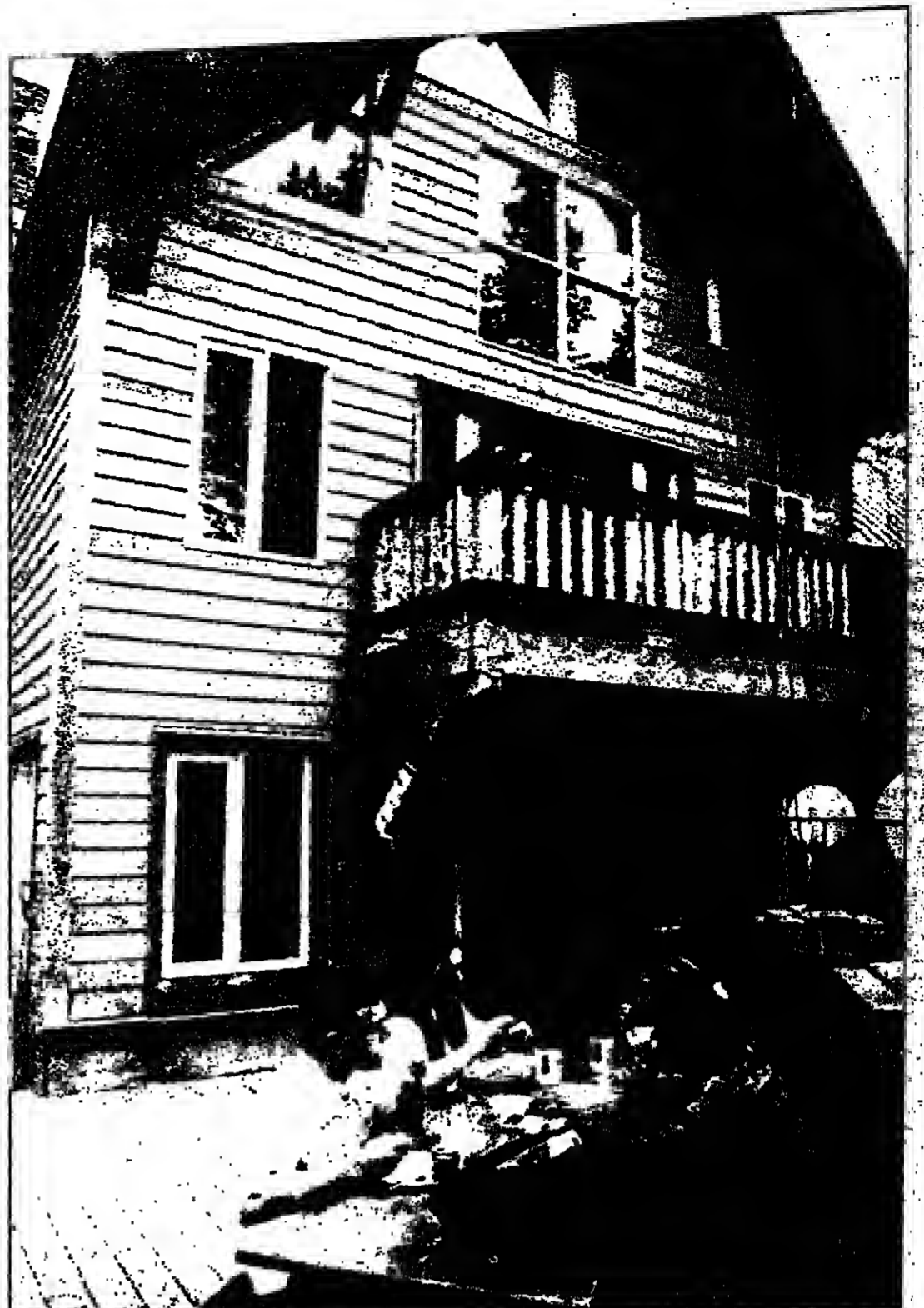
Requiring hostellers to do a daily chore is a cornerstone of the hostelling philosophy, though many hostels have lately dropped the practice. But rustic hostels such as those at Maligne Canyon and Beauty Creek, which lack running water and plumbing, would soon become uninhabitable if guests did not do some of the dirty work.

Few hostellers complain, however, about sweeping out log cabins, fetching water from tumbling streams or depositing trash in elaborate bear-proof containers. These are the sorts of chores depicted in outdoor clothing catalogs, and you look and feel cool doing them, especially if you're wearing a flannel shirt.

Earplugs, however, would be appropriate at bedtime. As sometimes happens in a hostel bunkroom, vociferous snores may keep you awake.

Low prices and the prospect of sequestering oneself in Beauty Creek's hostel may be enticing enough, but there is an even better reason to visit Alberta's hostels: They offer unequal access to the Rocky Mountains.

David Gonzales is a Breckenridge, Colorado-based writer.



Lake Louise International Hostel provides comfortable accommodations for visitors.

Photos by David Gonzales

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The Whiskey Jack Hostel is tucked into a narrow valley, home of the Canadian Rockies' highest waterfall, Takakkaw Falls, which rips off a ledge halfway down its length, sending up a deep-throated roar.

In winter, however, it is snow that tumbles from the valley's heights, and in the midst of summer, a construction crew labors to fortify the building's foundation in anticipation of avalanches. Not surprisingly, Whiskey Jack is the only Canadian Rockies hostel closed in the winter.

After my long, grimy trek, I crave a little luxury and proceed to Banff National Park and the Lake Louise International Hostel, which is run jointly by Hostelling International and the Alpine Club of Canada. Apparently, Alpine Club members need more comfort than can be provided by former POW cabins, and their partnership with HI has resulted in a facility more similar to Chateau Lake Louise than to a hostel.

The hostel is enormously popular and all 105 beds are taken for the night. I have to appease myself with lunch in the hostel's sunny, wood-paneled Peyto's Cafe—which serves vegetarian burgers, salads and other healthy fare—and a stroll. The hostel's upper level oozes clubbiness with its stone fireplace, overstuffed chairs and handsome library.

Alternate accommodations at the Castle Mountain Hostel seem a fine compromise between the simplicity of Beauty Creek and the more elegant Lake Louise hostel. The hostel has running water, but I do feel obligated to don tweeds during dinner.

At dawn the next morning, I wake to the soft crunching of pine needles and peer out the window at an elk stepping lightly among the trees. He stares back at me, his velvet jaw grinding a mouthful of grass, then resumes his meal. Slipping outside, I creep a few yards toward him to snap a photo, my senses rousing quickly to the cold needles under bare feet, the sharp, clean smell of the forest and the sight of this imperious animal who has decided to tolerate my presence while he breakfasts.

Elk are a common sight in the Canadian Rockies, but I doubt that many visitors staying in expensive lodges or chalets have seen elk in similar circumstances one-on-one in the pale glow of dawn. Such are the experiences that memorable vacations are made of, and such are the experiences that the hostels of Jasper, Banff and Yoho routinely offer. It seems ludicrous that a visitor would actually choose to pay hundreds of dollars, instead of 10, for a bed.

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## IF YOU GO

Hostelling International memberships are available at any regional HI office; to find the nearest one, contact Hostelling International—American Youth Hostels, Suite 840, 733 15th Street Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20005; (001)202/783-6161.

Adult memberships are \$25 per year; Youth (under 18) memberships are \$10 per year; senior citizen memberships are \$15 per year; family memberships are \$35; lifetime memberships cost \$250.

A bunk in one of Alberta's hostels costs approximately \$8 to \$15 per night. Many hostels are open to non-members who pay a higher price. Contact Hostelling International—Southern Alberta, No. 203, 141A Kensington Road N.W., Calgary, Alberta T2N 3P9; (001) 403/283-5551; fax (001) 403/283-6503; for more information on prices, locations and reservations, which are advisable throughout the summer.

More information on Canada's national parks is available from Parks Canada, 220 4th Avenue Southeast, P.O. Box 2869, Station M, Calgary, Alberta T2P 3H8; (001) 403/292-4401.

# SNAPSHOT

## Photographing Baby Seals

By Carl and Ann Purcell

Copley News Service

In March, a vast number of harp seals will be born on Magdalen Island, Canada. For 12 days, the pups will be snow white, with great dark eyes and a black nose. The wind whistling across the ice makes the pups look as if they are weeping huge tears. Seal pups will also suddenly appear at this time with great frequency on Alaskan glaciers and ice bergs. 'Tis the season for babies, at least in the seal world!

These roly-poly youngsters are grand photographic subjects. They are fearless models and, if you use the program mode on your camera, you can get picture perfect results with nearly each frame. The logistics of getting to the pictures safely, however, are a little more complicated. You will be working in an environment where

the wind chill factor can lower the temperature to 70 below zero on a sunny day.

When you are packing for a trek to visit the seal babies, you should think in terms of layers. Long underwear, several layers of socks, several pairs of gloves and lots of clothing in between. Natural fibers will allow your body to breathe, so buy silk or cotton and leave nylon and polyester at home. It is dangerous if your clothes become damp with perspiration at these low temperatures.

Most tour group operators who conduct the trips onto the floes will provide rubber-canvas survival suits and special arctic boots to go over all your other clothes, but you should check to make sure that they will be available. You will need especially good head gear to keep the top of your head and your ears warm. You will also need a scarf or neck ring to pull over your nose and mouth to warm the air you breathe.

Think carefully about your equipment needs and keep it to an absolute minimum. Remember that you will be heavily burdened with your clothing. You'll need your hands free because you will have to carry a pole to check the ground ahead of you as any mis-

step into a "blow hole" hidden by snow could be disastrous.

Batteries don't work well in temperature colder than the freezing point. Your camera bodies and extra batteries should be kept inside your coat to take advantage of your body heat. Bring them out only when you are actually taking pictures. Going from cold to hot may form condensation on your lenses, so keep an eye of them and wait until the condensation disappears before snapping the shot.

And finally, keep an eye on the mother seals. You do not want to get into a tangle with a protective mammal that outweighs you by several hundred pounds. While seals are usually docile subjects, they are nevertheless wild animals and should be treated with respect. Come home with wonderful baby seal photos but, above all, come home safely.

Carl and Ann Purcell are America's leading travel writing/photography team.



A baby harp seal on Magdalen Island, Canada, poses for a photograph.

Photo by Ann and Carl Purcell

# The detective of the People of the Book

If it's been published, Tel Aviv's book sleuth will find it, Greer Fay Cashman writes

WHEN Itamar Levy started his business in August 1993, the idea was "to have a bookstore without a store and without books." Levy, who wanted to operate with a minimum of overheads, figured that people would just call his number, tell him what book they wanted, and he would go look for it.

But like so many other best laid plans of mice and men, this too went astray. It wasn't that people didn't call - they did. But they didn't all want to buy books. Many had books to sell, and even more had books to give away. All they wanted was that Levy should take them off their hands.

After three months, he had no option but to find storage premises. And so, against his better judgment, he opened a store-cum-warehouse in one of the atmospheric side streets leading to the Tel Aviv central bus station.

Little about the facade reveals the nature of the enterprise. There is no plate-glass window; no huge sign. There's just a modest plaque with a logo of a swooping bird over the trademark *Sefar* Zichronot Sefarim Meshumashim 1993 (Book of Recollections Used Books 1993).

Levy's initial concept was to trade on nostalgia. Most people, he reasoned, had memories of favorite books which they had read as children, which they might like to read again as adults or give to their own children and grandchildren. Many such books are out of print, and tracking them down takes quite a lot of foot-slogging.

Levy, 40, who lives in read, and who is himself a writer with four novels to his credit, had already acquired considerable experience in finding not easily available books.

All his novels relied heavily on factual research, and Levy often went looking for books in out-of-the-way places. Friends would see the rare editions at his home and would ask whether he could procure a copy for them too.

As the requests increased, Levy began to realize that despite the attractions of television and videotapes, the people of Israel had to a large extent remained the people of the book. They liked to read and they liked to acquire books.

But Levy remained stubbornly addicted to children's books. And indeed that is still his area of specialization, but requests came in for so many other things that he could not help but branch out.

"There's no such thing as a typical request," he says. "People have individual tastes and look for some of the strangest things imaginable."

One only has to tune into Kol Yisrael's Radio 2 on Friday evenings to understand exactly what he means. Yaron Enosh, who hosts a Friday night cultural potpourri on the network, came across Levy a couple of years back when he himself was looking for a book, and decided that it might be a fun thing to run a one-time interview with him.

But the station was bombarded with phone calls from listeners who thought that Levy might be able to produce the elusive vol-



Itamar Levy: Most of the time I know what people are asking for before they complete the sentence.

umes which hadn't shown up in other stores dealing in used books.

Elated by the response, Enosh invited Levy to come back on a weekly basis. Besides many callers, there are some 150 written enquiries each week, with letters coming from both Israel and abroad - including Arab countries.

Amongst the latter was a missive from the Royal Hashemite Palace in Jordan. (Levy declines

to divulge details of the request, other than to hint at the identity of the royal personage who made it.)

He also gets a lot of queries on the Internet.

People who contact him don't always know the name of the book they're looking for. "They know the plot and they can give me a synopsis, but they can't remember the title. Often, they give me a distorted version of the title, but if I've had the request before or if I've ever come across

the book, I'll know just what they're looking for," he asserts.

Modern technology is a useful tool. Every request is computerized along with a synopsis of the sought-after publication. In addition, he has computerized the synopsis of almost every children's book published in Israel during the past 40 years. It's what he calls the nostalgia of the first children of the state.

"Most of the time I know what people are asking for before they

complete the sentence," Levy boasts. That doesn't necessarily mean that he can make an instant delivery. "It could take an hour, it could take a year, it could take longer," he admits.

"I have to wait until someone wants to get rid of it, or a library changes stock, or someone finds it in the street. Sometimes someone will call me and say they've bought a new home and we've found a thousand books here."

With a success rate of only 10 percent, his track record may appear weak, but even so he observes, he has over 2,400 clients whom he has serviced at least twice. Some come every week to rummage through the shelves of his cramped premises.

One of the first requests he received was for *Secrets about men that every woman should know*. Another was for *Levi Eshkol's jokes*.

Someone else wanted Dante's *Divine Comedy* in Hebrew. Bi- or multi-lingual readers, when they can't get what they want in Hebrew, will often settle for another language.

Several queries for *Cheaper by the Dozen* in Hebrew produced no results. When he told his clients that he could get it for them only in English, they were not the least bit disappointed, and urged him to go ahead.

A collector asked him to get him the Nero Wolf books in all their translations. "So far, I've found Hebrew, Italian, French and German."

Some of the titles he's looking for at the moment include: *Fifty years of Palestine* by Frances Newton; *History of Haifa - Mt. Carmel* by Judith Rothschild; *The History of Modern Israeli Money* by Ruth Gordon.

Levy may well have them right under his nose. He has 400 crates of books which he has not yet had time to open and sort out. The phone seldom stops and even this interview was conducted in over a dozen stops and starts, which included answering the phone, attending to off-the-street customers and salvaging over a 1925 Shaare Zedek calendar printed in Yiddish.

Levy is closed on Thursdays and does business only between 9 and 1 during the other days of the week. The rest of the time he's out in search of a good book.

## Change the script to break sibling tensions



DEAR RUTHIE, I have a very religious sister who lives in Israel. Since my divorce seven years ago, we have seen each other only twice. I'd love to visit more, but cannot afford it. My brother-in-law has offered to help me financially (as I am a manic-depressive and have not had a real job in eight years) - but I cannot accept such a gift from someone who is not wealthy.

My problem is that when my sister and I see each other, or speak on the phone, she is very sarcastic and critical. I am angry that she doesn't show me respect, and hurt that she judges me. I have about her to everyone, and have always tried to "be there for her." I'd appreciate any suggestions you might have.

Brother at Bay  
Buffalo, New York  
Dear B at B.

Your sister's criticism may stem from a fundamental disapproval on her part. If so, you can voice your hurt feelings and hope she

responds by curbing her tongue. Meanwhile, you must examine your own part in the sibling scenario. Consider the ways in which your behavior contributed to her disdain. Though you view yourself as completely supportive, she may feel it is she who has had to "be there" for a depressed brother who is frequently out of work.

The best way to break unhealthy family dynamics is to change the script. As long as you continue to "read the same old lines," she will remain steadfast in her own role. The next time you speak to sis, hit her with some new material, and see what happens.

Dear Ruthie, I am a night owl and my fiancee is an early bird. We have trouble synchronizing our free time together. One of us is always too tired to enjoy what the other has planned. Will our marriage work?

Lamenting Love Birds  
San Diego, California  
Dear Love Birds,

This problem need not ruffle your feathers. In the first place, marriage often alters one's internal clock. This is due to various

DEAR RUTHIE  
RUTHIE BLUM

factors - particularly adding offspring to the nest.

As long as the basis for your union is sound in other respects, your marriage has as good a chance of working as any other.

Dear Ruthie, I am a 69-year-old widow. When my husband died five years ago, I sold the car, as I did not think I was of the age to learn to drive. At first, friends and neighbors were helpful by offering me lifts. But then the offers stopped coming.

It's unpleasant to have to ask for favors all the time, but it's expensive to take cabs, and I'm not always up to taking the bus. I accept that people are thoughtless, but these so-called friends have gone too far. I often freeze due to air conditioning in some cars; one neighbor kept the radio blasting in spite of my pleas to turn it off; another refused my request to turn on the news; another smoked; yet another used "traffic" as an excuse not to drive

via a route I requested (so as to be able to stop at the drugstore); and I'm often subjected to the back seat, which I've repeatedly said is uncomfortable.

How can we educate people to be considerate of those who need their services as drivers?

Driven to Distraction  
Somewhere in Israel  
Dear D to D,

Consideration is a two-way street. The "thoughtlessness" of these appointed chauffeurs may be the result of your having driven them crazy with your criticism.

The money you are saving by not owning a car is sufficient to cover the cost of taxi fare for a long time to come. If you rid yourself of this unnecessary dependence on others, minor discomforts and major resentment will take a "back seat" to newfound freedom. Once you begin to take responsibility for your own mobility, your spirits are likely to be uplifted. And offers for lifts even may be more forthcoming.

Dear Ruthie,  
My best friend keeps getting

promoted at work. I want to be happy for her, and I certainly act as though I am. But deep down I'm envious as hell. How can I separate my negative feelings from my positive ones? I'm afraid that the former is beginning to get the better of the latter.

Eaten with Envy,  
Jerusalem  
Dear E with E,

Either you'll learn to keep envy at bay while in your friend's presence, or you'll find yourself wanting to spend less time in her company.

Keep in mind that it is your sense of self which dictates how you get along with other people - regardless of the fortunes which befall them. Also, if the tables were turned, your friend undoubtedly would experience similar pangs.

Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. E-mail, editors@jpost.co.il (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received).

## Technion gets into the desalination act

TOM TUGEND  
LOS ANGELES

THE Technion and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California are about to collaborate on a \$35 million project which they hope will bring the desalination of sea water a major step forward.

The project to build a 5-million-gallons-a-day pilot plant to purify ocean water for human and agricultural consumption will probably be located in Huntington Beach, California. The joint US-Israeli Commission for Science and Technology has agreed to put up the start money for the plant.

Huntington Beach is already the site of a desalination test unit that purifies 2,000 gallons a day. The unit was built by the MWD in consultation with experts from the Technion.

If and when the larger pilot plant goes on-line, the next step would be construction of a 50-million-gallons-a-day plant. It takes about 300,000 gallons to supply a household of five people with water for a year.

The collaboration between engineers in Southern California and Israel comes naturally, as both areas have similar climates and desert settings, said Prof. Uri Shamir, who heads the Technion's Water Research Institute.

Shamir spoke at a reception hosted by the Southern California Chapter of the American Society for Technion, which was celebrating the successful conclusion of a \$5,400,000 fund drive in support of Shamir's institute.

If the technological challenges of developing adequate water supplies for arid regions are formidable, water is also one of the most complex issues in the Middle East peace negotiations. Indeed, pessimists predict that the next Middle East war will be fought over water, but Shamir, who serves on Israel's water negotiating team in the peace talks, is more upbeat. "Maybe water will lead to regional cooperation, rather than war," he said.

Engineers have been working for decades to develop a relatively cheap process for desalinating sea and brackish water in commercial quantities, without scoring the hoped-for breakthrough.

The main sticking point is the high energy cost required for desalination, now ranging from \$1,600 to \$3,000 per acre foot of sea water, equivalent to 326,000 gallons. By contrast, conventional water supplied to American households costs only \$300 per acre foot.

However, with the rising cost of developing new conventional water sources for thirsty Southern California and Israel, and the anticipated lowering of desalination costs, purified sea water could become competitive at \$850 per acre foot, Shamir said.

The Technion engineer acknowledged he had predicted in 1962 that desalinated water would be competitive by 1980.

In a revised forecast, he said that "We are now much closer to success than 20 years ago. Within 10-20 years, I expect to see substantial water [desalination] factories springing up in many locations."

## Heart recipient says donor's beat goes on

WHEN Claire Sylvia woke up from a heart-and-lung transplant operation at Yale-New Haven Hospital in 1988, she was craving new and strange things - beer and chicken nuggets.

She began dreaming about a young man with the initials T.L. In her sleep, she kissed him and, as their lips met, she sucked his entire body into her own.

Convinced that her new organs triggered some profound change within her, Sylvia set out to discover the identity of her donor.

She learned that he was an 18-year-old house painter whose names began with a T and an L. He loved cold beer and fried chicken.

After hearing this eerie story, collaborator-to-the-stars William Novak tracked down Sylvia, a dance teacher in her mid-fifties, and arranged to write her life story. He also was intrigued by her work with other organ recipients who have had similar experiences.

The result, tentatively called *A Change of Heart*, will be published by Little, Brown and Co. next year.

"This is a mind-boggling thing to come along," says editor William Phillips, who has been with Little and Brown for 30 years. He acknowledges that on the face of it, the story strains credibility.

But Phillips believes it with all his heart.

"I've known Bill Novak for years," Phillips says. "He is a very sober, sophisticated guy."

Novak first heard about Sylvia three years ago. Over the course of a dozen or so conversations, he determined that she had a story good enough, and long enough, to make a book.

"And she's not a flake," he says. Phillips agrees, calling her "a sensible, nice woman from Queens."

When Sylvia set out to find her



benefactor, Novak says, the hospital refused to help. But by cobbling together newspaper obituaries and a few other facts - he had died in a motorcycle crash - she discovered

his identity and met his family. She was so overwhelmed by her experiences, Novak says, she began keeping extensive journals.

Novak took her notes and wrote

a book proposal, and together they sold it to Little and Brown for what Phillips describes as a "godly sum of money." He says there has been lots of interest from

foreign publishers.

"Somehow it's an idea that even the most skeptical people find believable," Phillips says. "Cellular memory has some credibility."

Novak says that Sylvia's experience is not isolated. Since her operation, she has formed several support groups for other recipients who also have dreamed of their donors and dealt with their cravings.

As he began to think about how the story might be told, Novak naturally turned to literature.

"The first book I checked out of the library," he says, "was *Frankenstein*." (Washington Post)

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## Police question Grofman about Migdal scandal

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

AFRICA Israel general manager Shlomo Grofman was questioned and released by the National Fraud Squad yesterday morning in connection with Migdal Insurance's illegal takeover of Ellern Investments in 1993.

Grofman, who also serves as Migdal chairman, was questioned under caution for several hours.

The police suspect the Migdal group gained control of Ellern with a NIS 20 million loan from Bank Leumi, the insurance firm's parent company.

Migdal and Leumi heads are suspected of operating against banking law (licensing) and companies ordinance, which prohibit a bank from financing a company's attempt to gain control of a firm associated with a third party.

The law is to prevent banks from unfairly taking advantage of their financing power.

During the last few weeks the

National Fraud Squad has questioned several Migdal and Leumi managers in connection with the case.

On Monday, Ze'ev Nahari, Leumi deputy general manager and in charge of the money division, was questioned.

Nahari serves as Leumi's director on Migdal's board of directors.

Several weeks ago the Fraud Squad arrested Migdal chairman Uzi Levy and Avraham Sinai, deputy financial manager.

Levy was arrested on suspicions of violating the banking law (licensing), management offenses and false registration of documents.

Sinai was arrested on suspicions of management offenses at the time when he was in charge of Migdal's investment network.

The Tel Aviv Magistrates Court released them on NIS 20,000 bail each.

## Oil prices surge, then fall, in huge one-day drop

Crude hits 5-year high before plunging

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Crude oil futures soared to the highest price since the Gulf War, only to retreat in one of their biggest one-day plunges since then amid concern that soaring prices may dampen demand for crude oil.

In one sign the 30-percent surge in prices during the past seven trading days may be eating away at demand, Phibro Energy USA, Inc. said it is cutting by 46% the amount of oil refined at its 65,000-barrel-a-day refinery in Krotz Springs, Louisiana because prices are too high.

Concern other refiners, faced with shelling out more than \$20 a barrel for extended periods for the first time since early 1993, may follow suit helped drive oil prices lower.

"There have been some run

cuts, which gives refiners more to sell," said a trader at Northville Industries Corp. in Melville, New York. "It's enough to ease the pressure a bit and that's what's happening."

Crude oil for April delivery plunged as much as \$2.14 to \$22.40 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, one of the biggest one-day drops in prices since the Gulf War in 1991.

Yesterday's expiration of the April contract magnified the drop by creating a stampede of speculators trying to sell back their contracts to avoid having to take delivery of the oil, traders said.

Many had expected prices to keep climbing as refiners, facing some of the leanest US inventories since 1977, raced to secure oil to meet a seasonal rise in gasoline demand.

In fact, the April contract soared as much as \$1.16 to \$25.60 a barrel in earlier trading yesterday, reaching the highest price since fighting began in the Gulf War.

"When crude goes up seven days in a row like it did, it usually has to come down," said the Northville trader.

"People were hanging on to it as long as they could, but it just ran out of steam."

One reason for that could be that refiners refused to drive prices any higher to get their hands on the oil, while others went so far as reducing the amount of crude they refine.

Refiners also may be falling back on the policy that some analysts said was responsible for this week's rally: waiting for Iraq to sell crude according to a UN "oil-for-food" offer.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

**Hungary to sell off assets in '96:** Hungary is to sell state assets worth over 300 billion forints this year, privatization minister Tamás Suchman said yesterday.

Of the total, 227 billion forints worth of assets are to be made available to the social security system to help reduce its deficit, to pension coupon owners and to local authorities, the latter case in exchange for their stakes in the privatized gas suppliers and other companies, Suchman said.

**VW's SEAT cuts '95 loss by more than half:** Spanish car manufacturer SEAT, a subsidiary of Germany's Volkswagen AG, said yesterday it had cut its losses by more than half last year. Its 1995 losses fell to 11.3 billion pesetas (\$90.9 million) in 1995, down from 29.5 billion in 1994 and 151.3 billion in 1993.

Since 1993 SEAT has reduced its workforce by nearly half, cut production and closed its original plant in Barcelona as part of a restructuring plan which made it eligible for aid and state loans. It aims to break even this year and hopes to show a profit in 1997. It forecasts sales rising to 350,000 units this year from 325,000 in 1995. The company said in January it was considering reducing the workforce further to around 10,000 this year and next. It currently employs 12,500, down from around 24,000 in 1993.

**Russian government pays 8.7 trillion rubles in back wages:** The Russian government has paid 8.7 trillion rubles to pay arrears of wages and bonuses which are directly funded by the federal government, President Boris Yeltsin's chief economic aide said yesterday. Alexander Livshits also said the central government had paid an extra three trillion rubles to regions which were unable to settle their own wage arrears to public-sector employees themselves.

"We are talking about everything due to citizens in every Russian region — wages to doctors, teachers and other employees financed by local governments, which lack funds even with the help of transfers from the federal government," he said.

Yeltsin, running for re-election in June, has made the payment of wage arrears a priority. Livshits said the government would complete the payments, including 1995 wages and social payments arrears, by the end of March, but physical money payments to the population could continue for a week more. In April the government would make wage payments in the normal way, he said.

**Italy cuts overseas phone rates:** Italy's state-controlled telephone company Telecom Italia SpA announced cheaper overseas call rates from yesterday, but its rates still lag behind international changes in the US and Britain. The old monopoly phone operator in Italy has been under pressure to cut international rates, which were among the highest in Europe, as the European Union moves toward market liberalization of the telecoms market by the start of 1996.

The telecoms group said its rates for a standard three-minute call to the US or Canada would fall 30 percent, to Britain by 18%, to Latin America by 6.5% and to Hong Kong and Taiwan by 13%.

## Saudi Arabia's revenues said up on earlier oil rally

DUBAI (Reuters) — Oil giant Saudi Arabia is enjoying a boost in revenue as a result of a sharp rally in international oil prices, Riyadh bankers said yesterday.

With world oil prices being lifted to their highest level since the 1990-1991 Gulf crisis, the world's largest oil producer and exporter is enjoying an unexpected windfall which could help reduce debt

government accumulated in the 1990s.

"I'm very hopeful that higher revenues, if sustained for a month or two, would lead to bigger payments and more liquidity in the economy," Kevin Taecker, chief economist at the Saudi American Bank in Riyadh said.

US oil for delivery in April traded at a post Gulf-War high of

\$24.64 a barrel on Tuesday as American refiners scrambled to refill their depleted oil product inventories, which had been allowed to fall to their lowest level for 19 years.

The rise in oil prices has increased hopes among bankers in the kingdom that the Saudi government, which gets 70 percent of all its revenue from hard-currency

oil exports, will be in a better position to pay more than \$1 billion it is estimated to owe contractors and suppliers.

"The oil price is currently above budgeted, so the scope for some monetary freedom is much increased," a Riyadh banker, who declined to be named, said.

Bankers and diplomats in Saudi Arabia say the Saudi budget for

1996 is based on an average price for Saudi crude of \$14 a barrel, which is the equivalent of \$15.50 a barrel for the North Sea benchmark crude Brent.

If high oil prices did persist for at least two months, the government could be better placed to reduce the budgeted \$4.9b deficit, as well as paying off a backlog of debts.

## CO-OP Blue Square posts rise in net profits

CO-OP Blue Square Properties and Investments yesterday reported a 32.2 percent increase in annual net profits to NIS 47.6 million from NIS 36m. in 1994.

Revenues rose to NIS 1.8 billion from NIS 1.4b., while earnings per share went up to NIS 1.58 from NIS 1.23.

Fourth quarter net profits were NIS 14.5m., the same as in the 1994 fourth quarter. Revenues rose to NIS 484m. from NIS 376m.

The company attributed growth last year to a 36.6% increase in Hyper sales turnover and a 12.8% growth in Marks & Spencer sales. Hyper Hyper represented 69% of total sales and Marks & Spencer 27%.

The CO-OP Blue Square group includes the Coop chain of supermarkets, Super Center, Shefa Mehadria, Hyper Hyper, retail chain Hamashbir Lezarchan and Marks & Spencer Israel.

During the reported period, Hamashbir Lezarchan Tel Aviv merged with the Hamashbir cooperative in Haifa, as part of which Hamashbir Lezarchan purchased

### COMPANY RESULTS

#### RACHEL NEIMAN

50% of Hamashbir Ashkelon for NIS 4.84m.

As a result of the merger, completed last December, Hamashbir Lezarchan's assets rose to NIS 66m. from NIS 26m.

In January 1995, the company established communications subsidiary Non Stop Radio, which began broadcasting commercially in October.

New Dimension Software (formerly 4th Dimension) posted net profits of \$1.32m., compared with net losses of \$22.75m. in 1994.

Revenues rose to \$35.73m. from \$28.23m.

Revenues on sales of software products went up to \$23.1m. from \$19.18m., while money brought in from maintenance fees rose to \$12.63m. from \$9m.

North American revenues rose 16%, while revenues from Europe and the rest of world went up 44% and 42% respectively.

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Quarterly revenues increased to \$9.1m. from \$7.1m.

Net profits included income from the reversal of certain provisions related to a distribution agreement, which was terminated in 1994.

CEO Roni Einav said he was "pleased with the trend and by the company's return to profitability, which was achieved without any reduction in continuing development efforts and while realigning the North American sales and

marketing operations."

Last year the company completed development of a new multi-platform product in the area of security administration.

Negev Ceramics reported annual net profits of NIS 1.29m., compared with net losses of NIS 3.1m. in 1994. Consolidated revenues went up to NIS 130.8m. from NIS 95.37m.

Fourth quarter net losses were NIS 666,000, compared with net gains of NIS 1.6m. in 1994.

Revenues rose to NIS 33.2m. from NIS 27.7m. The drop was attributed to increased production costs in the third quarter and devaluation of the dollar exchange rate.

The fourth quarter is traditionally the slowest season for ceramic tiles. Exports declined to NIS 5.2m. from NIS 6.7m., due primarily to a rise in local demand.

The company relies primarily on three major market channels: sales through the Negev retail chain; sales via contractors in the construction sector and marketing through distributors.

As of 1996, S. Rappoport has become the sole distributor of Negev products here. Negev's largest client abroad is Olympia Tile International.

Packer Steel reported a rise in annual net profits to NIS 14.28m. from NIS 6.7m.

Revenues went up to NIS 566.5m. from NIS 452.5m., while earnings per share increased to NIS 15.54 from NIS 6.73.

Net profits include a NIS 2.7m. one-time capital gain on subsidiary Ofer Paper Investments' share issue.

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### ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Petah (foreign currency deposit rates) (20.3.96)

Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.50	4.625	4.500
French franc (FF100,000)	4.250	4.375	4.250
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.675	1.675	1.675
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.375	0.375	0.375

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates\* (20.3.96)

CHECKS AND TRANSFERS	Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES	Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates
U.S. dollar	3.4575	3.5125	—	—	—	3.4775
German mark	3.0683	3.1128	3.01	3.13	3.0900	3.0775
French franc	0.0783	0.0803	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08
British pound	4.7008	4.7665	4.62	4.75	4.6800	4.7200
Japanese yen (100)	0.0077	0.0078	0.0077	0.0077	0.0077	0.0077
Dutch guilder	2.8213	2.8263	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82
Swiss franc	1.8570	1.8670	1.82	1.82	1.82	1.82
Spanish peseta	2.5713	2.6128	2.52	2.65	2.5875	2.6275
Italian lira	0.4633	0.4687	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46
Portuguese escudo	0.4779	0.4729	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46
Israeli sheqel	0.6381	0.6487	0.62	0.68	0.6412	0.6412
Canadian dollar	0.6988	0.6797	0.65	0.69	0.6750	0.6750
Australian dollar	2.2538	2.2322	2.23	2.23	2.23	2.23
S. African rand	2.4754	2.4138	2.41	2.45	2.45	2.45
Belgian franc (10)	0.7797	0.7823	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70
Malaysian ringgit (10)	1.0110	1.0277	0.98	1.05	1.0172	1.0172
Indian rupee (1000)	2.8500	2.8227	2.80	2.85	2.8225	2.8225
Japanese yen (100)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Egyptian pound	—	—	—	—	—	—
ECU	3.8522	3.8144	3.81	3.85	3.8275	3.8275
Iran ryal	4.8400	4.8181	4.75	4.85	4.8275	4.8275
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4707	2.5108	2.42	2.55	2.4825	2.4825

\* These rates vary according to bank. \*\* Bank of Israel. SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

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Fear of hike in rates pushes indexes lower

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ROBERT DANIEL



SHARES dropped yesterday as investors expressed concern that the central bank will raise interest rates to fight inflation. This week, a report showing a steady money supply in February offset investors' concern about the government's announcement that inflation last month - 0.9 percent - exceeded analysts' expectations. Now, 'CPI estimates for March are moving toward 0.9% - matching the figure of both February and January - from previous estimates of around 0.6%, said Daniella Finn, head of sales at Betucha Securities and Investment Ltd. Driving up the estimate is the closure, which is pushing up local prices at retail. Most analysts maintain that Governor Jacob Frenkel won't raise rates when the central bank sets policy on Monday, but Finn said she wouldn't be surprised at a rise of a quarter or half percentage point. The Two-sided Index fell 0.85% to 198.10, while the Maof Index slipped 1.04% to 207.54. The most active issue on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange for a fourth consecutive day was Koor Industries Ltd., down 0.5% on NIS 4.5 million of shares traded. Also dragging down the indexes were holding company Clal Israel, off 2%, and Discount Investment, which lost 0.5%. Across the exchange, some NIS 64m. of shares traded, 15% less than the daily average of NIS 75.6m. for this month. The central bank last changed the rate at which it lends to banks on February 1, raising it 0.3 percentage points to 14%. (Bloomberg)

FTSE Index slips in late trading

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - The FTSE 100 slipped in late trading to end easier after a day dominated by economic figures. Shares traded lower through the morning session before weaker-than-expected US retail sales data prompted rallies in gilt and Treasury markets and pulled equities into positive territory in the early afternoon. The FTSE 100 ended 7.6 points lower at 3,685.4. FRANKFURT - Shares were stable at the end of trade, with the DAX Index marginally ahead on Tuesday's close, having taken the higher-than-expected February M3 money supply figures in their stride. The IBIS DAX Index closed the afternoon up 6.99 points, or 0.28 percent, at 2,491.73. Earlier the DAX Index closed lower than expected at 2,485.90 points. PARIS - Shares finished up after turning higher in the afternoon on bond strength and despite early weakness on Wall Street. Traders said buying of blue chips stocks helped support the wider market. The CAC-40 index closed up 2.59, or 0.13%, at 1,969.79. ZURICH - Shares ended little changed after several batches of economic data sent mixed signals. Stronger than anticipated German M3 growth depressed share prices early, then lower than expected U.S. retail sales pushed the bourse slightly higher. Traders said a firmer Wall Street also gave a mild boost late in the session. The broad SPI Index gained 5.36 points to end at 2,304.54. TOKYO - The stock exchange was closed due to a national holiday and will resume trade today. HONG KONG - Stocks pared sharp early losses to close modestly lower, drawing support from heavy buying of major laggard Hutchison. The blue-chip Hang Seng Index dipped 43.97 points to 10,836.53, off an initial low of 10,779.81 hit on a correction following Tuesday's 279-point jump. Turnover fell to HK\$4.64 billion from Tuesday's adjusted HK\$4.99b. SYDNEY - The share market ended lower, drifting away in the afternoon session as the lack of leads began to tell on an indecisive market. The All Ordinaries Index closed 6.9 lower at 2,249.4. Brokers said the lower close was not really cause for concern, with a lack of leads and a Japanese market holiday ensuring the day lacked any real trend. JOHANNESBURG - Shares ended slightly weaker after drifting quietly all day, with gold stocks slipping on a softer bullion price and industrials easing on a lack of interest and an absence of fresh direction. Dealers said a public holiday today to celebrate Human Rights Day had kept many players on the sidelines. The all share index ended 12.2 points weaker at 6,633.6, industrials edged 7.6 points to 8,230.3 and the gold index fell 16.0 to 1,722.6.

Dow plunges on sell-off in technology shares

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The Dow Jones industrial average lost more than 50 points during trading yesterday following a sell-off in technology shares, including International Business Machines, which dropped \$7 to \$114.75. At 2:19 p.m. EST, the Dow was down 50.22 points at 5,619.29, which activated the New York Stock Exchange's limits on program trading.

Until the US switches its clocks for Daylight Saving Time, the Dow Jones results published in the paper will be from 3 p.m. New York time.

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INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

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# Gloom descends upon Forest

**NOTTINGHAM (Reuters)** - The irrepressible Jurgen Klinsmann led Bayern Munich to a 5-1 rout of Nottingham Forest in the UEFA Cup yesterday.

Klinsmann, anchoring the defense and inspiring the attack, scored twice in the second half after first-half goals by Christian Ziege and Thomas Strunz.

Former France international Jean-Pierre Papin was the other Bayern scorer as the German side added to its 2-1 advantage from the first leg to reach the semifinals 7-2 on aggregate.

The scoreline did little justice to an energetic performance by Forest, which at times put the Bayern goal under severe pressure.

But Bayern's class showed in its unruffled defense and ball skills up front which left the Forest backs in disarray.

The English side eventually earned a consolation goal five minutes from time through Steve Stone.

Forest looked like making a fight of it for the first half hour with Klinsmann forced to clear a shot from Stuart Pearce off the line, Stone shooting just wide and Bryan Roy making some dangerous breaks.

But in the 30th minute, Colin Cooper fouled Klinsmann and from the free kick Lothar Matthaus rolled the ball to Ziege

who crashed the shot under the body of diving Forest keeper Mark Crossley.

Two minutes before halftime, Papin pulled a corner kick towards the edge of the box, Strunz took it in his stride and side-stepped a challenge to make space before his shot ricocheted into the far corner.

Forest boss Frank Clark used his last card in the 63rd minute, with a double substitution sending on Paul McGregor and Jason Lee in place of Campbell and Chris Bart-Williams.

But almost immediately Bayern, chasing its first European trophy since winning the European Cup in 1976, scored a third goal, with Klinsmann putting away a flamboyant overhead volley at the second attempt from Scholl's cross.

In the 71st minute, substitute Frey curled the ball over from the right after Klinsmann's pass sent him running free and Papin smartly dispatched an unstoppable header.

Eight minutes later Ziege's pass, which broke up an unproductive spell of Forest pressure, sent Klinsmann clear down the middle and he slid the ball effortlessly beyond the helpless Crossley for his 14th goal in the UEFA Cup this season.

Forest fans were on their way home in their hundreds when



**THE ROUT IS ON** - Bayern Munich's Christian Ziege (l) keeps Nottingham Forest's Steve Stone at bay as he gets set to score the first of Munich's 5 goals. (Reuters)

Stone supplied the consolation goal after a one-two with Lee.

In yesterday's Premier League action, Aston Villa and Middlesbrough drew 0-0.

Also yesterday, a magistrate began hearing evidence against three Premier League players accused of fixing matches in soccer's biggest bribery scandal in 30 years.

The three - Bruce Grobbelaar, John Fashanu, and Hans Segers - and Malaysian businessman Heng Suan Lim are charged with taking or giving money to influence the outcome of games.

Magistrate Gareth Cowling, who has set aside two weeks to hear the evidence, will rule

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BRIAN FREEMAN

LOCAL basketball switches to the State Cup semifinals tonight, as Maccabi Tel Aviv takes on Hapoel Galil Elyon and Hapoel Jerusalem plays Bnei Herzliya at Yad Eliahu.

Maccabi, playing on its own home court and undefeated in local action since October, appears to have the easier route to the finals.

It has already defeated Galil twice in league play this season, including a 89-69 thrashing last month. In that contest, Galil trailed only 45-40 at the half, but could not keep up with the Maccabi juggernaut after the break.

Galil will seek to repeat its upset of Maccabi in the 1992 State Cup semifinals, when the northerners went on to win their second title.

But Galil has not yet been tested this season in State Cup play, having reached the semifinals by defeating three lower-division clubs.

Although Maccabi has captured a record 27 State Cups, the team has won only one (1994) in the past four seasons, its only appearance in the finals during that time.

The second contest should be more interesting.

Hapoel Jerusalem, in second place with a 14-4 record in the league, is seeking its first berth in the State Cup finals.

However, it must overcome the defending State Cup champions, who have beaten Jerusalem twice this season.

Herzliya handed Jerusalem its first loss of the season in November after a 6-0 start, and then repeated the performance by inflicting Jerusalem's first home loss of the season on Sunday.

The Maccabi-Galil clash is scheduled to start at 6:45 pm, and be shown live on Channel 5, while the Herzliya-Jerusalem battle is set to begin at 8:45 pm, and be broadcast live on Channel 1.

# Friedman climbs to 5th, Inbar falls to 17th

HEATHER CHAIT

AMIT Inbar fell victim to the vagaries of the sea yesterday, slipping 10 places to 17th in the World Windsurfing Championship in Haifa.

Sailing in strong northerly winds (11 knots) on the first day of the final round, Gal Friedman, bolstered his performance to take fifth place overall, finishing both his sails in seventh spot. His preliminary result had left him in eighth position.

Inbar's first result yesterday was a disappointing 38th place, but he shaped up to a sixth finish in his second race.

Amir Levinson bettered his preliminary round score of 18th place

to finish 12th yesterday, closing his first race in fourth place and his second to 25.

Leader Bruce Kendall from New Zealand fell to fourth place while Greek champion Nikos Kakkamanakis assumed top spot.

Aaron McLotosh, also from New Zealand, is lying in second place with France's Frank David third.

Local women windsurfers Michael Hein and Sivan Yosef did not register dramatic changes, ending in 27th and 48th places respectively.

Maud Herbert from France is still the women's leader with Barbara Kendall tailgating her.

The final round will continue from today until Saturday.

# Ince recalled to England squad

LONDON (Reuters) - Inter Milan midfielder Paul Ince has been recalled to the England squad after a year in the wilderness for the friendly international against Bulgaria at Wembley next Wednesday.

Also in the 26-strong squad announced by coach Terry Venables yesterday are Gary and Phil Neville of Manchester United, who could become the first brothers to play for England since Bobby and Jack Charlton 26 years ago.

It is Phil Neville's first call-up and he joins Liverpool striker Robbie Fowler and Aston Villa's former England Under-21 captain Ugo Ehiogu as newcomers to England squad.

Fullback Gary, the elder at 21, won his first cap last June. Midfielder Phil, who was 19 in January, has made only 16 full premier league appearances.

Arsenal's Dennis and Les Compton played together in four wartime internationals which were not recognized for full caps. Otherwise no brothers, apart from the Charltons, have played in the same England side this century.

Tottenham goalkeeper Ian Walker and Queens Park Rangers' winger Trevor Sinclair are the other uncapped players included, although they have been in senior squads before.

With regular central defenders Tony Adams and Gary Pallister ruled out by injury, the experienced Mark Wright returns almost three years after his last England appearance. His Liverpool colleague Jamie Redknapp and Arsenal's David Platt both return after injury.

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# Bulls, Magic reach 40

CHICAGO (AP) - Chicago, holding Sacramento to three points in the final 10 minutes, beat the Kings 89-67 Tuesday night despite only 20 points from Michael Jordan and the absence of Dennis Rodman and Scottie Pippen.

It was the 40th consecutive regular-season home victory for Chicago, tying Orlando for the NBA record.

Sacramento scored only seven points in the fourth quarter - just three after tying the game at 64 with 10:38 to play. The Kings were 0-for-16 from the floor, 0-for-2 from the line and committed five of their 22 turnovers in getting outscored 21-0 over a 9/2-minute stretch.

Toni Kukoc had another strong game in place of Pippen, getting 18 points, seven rebounds and five assists.

**Magic 113, Pistons 91**

Dennis Scott broke the NBA record for 3-pointers in a season and Horace Grant scored 26 for the second straight game as Orlando remained unbeaten at home.

The Pistons' five-game winning streak ended with coach Doug Collins and his players walking off the floor with just under one second remaining.

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# No to UEFA's 'chaos' criticism

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - The European Commission angrily rejected fresh accusations by UEFA yesterday that the Bosman ruling scrapping its transfer system and foreign player limits had plunged soccer into chaos.

"The judgment did not provide for a fair transitional period, it disregards sporting traditions ... destroys national structures of sport and endangers the future of national football associations and national teams," UEFA secretary general Gerhard Aigner said.

But European competition commissioner Karel Van Miert countered by saying: "This is absolutely unfair, unjust and incorrect."

The European Court of Justice ruled last December that UEFA's transfer system and limits on the number of foreign EU players

appearing in EU teams contravened EU laws.

UEFA, European soccer's governing body, accepted the ruling earlier this month after it was threatened with hefty fines.

"It leaves the football authorities defenseless against abuses and distortion of competitions. Big industrial groups and private TV stations have already taken control over a number of clubs. The agents are the kings today," Aigner told a public hearing on the Bosman judgment in the European Parliament.

"It causes a two-class society in football on the European continent and causes discrimination against football players from non EU countries," he said.

"As if the Bosman ruling is some kind of catastrophe," scoffed Van Miert, adding that

soccer federations could have anticipated many of the problems which recently surfaced.

"The European Union is what it is...inside the Union people can move freely," Van Miert said. "That's what the Union is about. Are you going to destroy this?"

But he added that the Commission was ready to further discuss the consequences of the ruling with UEFA.

Van Miert said the Commission would help work out a transitional period for such domestic transfers, an issue not ruled upon by the Court of Justice.

Van Miert also advocated a system of solidarity between big and smaller clubs, using part of the lucrative revenue from TV broadcasting rights of soccer matches so that poorer clubs could still afford youth teams.

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NHL - Tuesday's games: Edmonton 4, NY Rangers 1; Florida 5, Ottawa 2; Detroit 6, Toronto 5; Philadelphia 4, NY Islanders 1; Anaheim 2, Washington 1; Colorado 4, Vancouver 3.

Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

**BEHR, WEIDENFELD IN TENNIS SEMIS**

Noam Behr, Israel's No. 3 tennis player, defeated Eyal Hersh yesterday in the quarter-final of the Masters stage of the Club Hotel Eliah tournament in Tel Aviv.

Behr, 300 in the IBM/ATP rankings, avenged his defeat last week by Erlich, ranked 267, by beating him 6-3, 6-4. This win is likely to improve Behr's chances of replacing Erlich as Israel's second singles player alongside Eyal Ran for the Davis Cup against Spain in Ramat Hasharon from April 5-7.

Today, Behr meets top seed Ignacio Trujillo from Sweden.

The other Israeli in today's semifinal is Reviv Weidenfeld who beat Harel Levy 6-3, 6-3 but will play second seed Lars Jonsson from Sweden, victor over Lior Mor 6-2, 6-4. Harel Chazani

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While he shows great affection for the characters and the formal rituals that surround them, he's not hung up on the trappings.

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RAW? Yes, a little, but the four talented young artists of the KLIPA dance theater (and especially Dimitri Tulpanov) offer a truly original view of the world in 15 jostling vignettes.

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 The man's playing 22 (7) 5 House rule (7) 9 Portion of food fulfilling requirements (7) 10 One feels no obligation to take in some bars (7) 11 Quiet lionesses in a knot (9) 12 Three times Edward made an attempt (5) 13 Material for credit record notes (5) 15 Sent flying (9) 17 Substitute for traveller with grudge (9) 19 Get left in a team or make a sideways move (5) 22 'I will play the swan and die in...' (Othello) (5) 23 Minor accepting the head's warning (4-5) 25 So rude a broadcast caused agitation (7) 26 Favour writing a couple of pages on range (7) 27 Disloyalty from corrupt senator (7) 28 Mountain fruit picker taking time off (7) DOWN 1 Poison aces in error (7) 2 Social crawler in a built-up area (7) 3 One leaves home most unwillingly (5) 4 Easter-egg production should be separate (9) 5 Those lacking spirit cause many tears (5) 6 Scathing about quiet wear for retired folk (9) 7 Animal moves in leaps (7) 8 Returned and surrendered (7) 14 Makes good use of training (9) 16 Limit the drink with sound reason (9) 17 Strike over some defense arrangement (7) 18 Old gold coin a Greek character filched (7) 20 Moved up following a hound - a bloomer (3-4) 21 Beg in French to doctor (7) 23 Battle for personal transport (5) 24 Decline to take friend back to the Home Counties (5)

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# Kibbutz debt deal initialed

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

KIBBUTZIM, banks, and the Treasury initialed the supplementary arrangement for kibbutz debt yesterday shortly after Kibbutz Ha'artzi voted to sign, on condition a committee be set up to examine the parameters of the debts, as recommended by the Procaccia Report.

The arrangement involves debts of some NIS 6 billion to be rescheduled over a 20-year period (starting from 1992) until the year 2012. According to the agreement, the government will write off some NIS 1.3 billion over a five-year period and the banks will write off another NIS 2.7 billion.

The remaining NIS 2b. write-off is part of a land-disposal plan, under which kibbutzim in areas of high demand will relinquish 40 percent of their land in exchange for write-offs against their debt. Another 5% of these kibbutzim's lands will go towards repaying debts of kibbutzim in the periphery.

The agreement was initialed at the Finance Ministry in the presence of Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, United Kibbutz Movement secretary Zvilli Ben-Moshe and Dubi Helman, Kibbutz Ha'artzi secretary Amiram Efrati, and representatives of the country's two largest banks, Bank Leumi and Bank Hapoalim. Five other banks have not yet signed.

The arrangement remains subject to the approval of the kibbutz associations, the banks' boards, and the Knesset Finance Committee.

According to the arrangement, kibbutzim threatened by insolvency will get an immediate

write-off of 90% of their debt. A group of about 50 land-rich kibbutzim will have the economic value of their land appraised, then hand over the land to the Israel Lands Administration in return for compensation equivalent to 27% of the value and an immediate write-off of their debts.

The arrangement also obliges the kibbutzim to give 25% of their shares in Tnuva to the government (60%) and banks (40%). As a result, Tnuva will turn from a cooperative society into a limited liability company.

Kibbutz movement heads said the arrangement is expected to give the kibbutzim a chance to survive and open up new economic possibilities.

Shohat expressed hope the arrangement will not only save the kibbutzim, but also help speed up the government's sale of the banks, which has been held back because of the arrangement.

Kibbutz Ha'artzi members voted - 87 to 55 - to sign the arrangement several hours before it was initialed, following a lengthy meeting. Their conditioning the signing on setting up an examining committee follows the Procaccia Report's allegation that the banks overcharged the kibbutzim for loans.

Bank Hapoalim general manager Amiram Sivan said the court will determine if the allegations raised in the report are true.

The kibbutz heads emphasized that after the final arrangement is signed, in approximately 45 days, the other kibbutzim will have several months to examine their debts and decide whether to join the arrangement.



United Kibbutz Movement secretary Zvilli Ben-Moshe and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat sign the kibbutz debt agreement yesterday as Bank Hapoalim's Amiran Sivan looks on. (Brian Hendler)

# Third Way elects Knesset candidates

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Third Way council's 250 members elected the party's list of Knesset candidates at Ramat Efal yesterday.

Results were expected after midnight last night.

Tension prevailed over the council meeting, which was otherwise orderly and dignified, when it was learned that a committee appointed by the council had made a list of 16 recommended candidates.

The list was kept strictly secret until just before the vote, and was given to each council member only at the polling booths. It was estimated yesterday that the council members would vote according to the list, since they are not familiar with all of the candidates, many of whom are unknown.

MK Emanuel Zissman, one of the movement's founders, was furious to learn that he was placed sixth on the list of recommended

candidates, a place which might not gain him a Knesset seat.

Zissman said he would speak his mind after the election results are announced. "But I am certain I'll be elected to a realistic Knesset slot by the council members. I know who is behind this," he said.

The list recommends the following candidates for the first eight Knesset slots after party chairman MK Avigdor Kahalani: Yehuda Harel, Prof. Alex Lobotzky, Eli Malka, Avraham Rotem, Zissman, Amira Perlov, Prof. Avi Diskin, and Amos Carmeli.

Kahalani said the Third Way "basically sees itself as sitting in the center of the political spectrum, and therefore we have no problem joining any cabinet, either headed by Labor or by the Likud."

In his closing speech before the vote, Kahalani called on the members to "vote for the best possible leading team. Forget all the deals or lists you have been given before today. Wipe them out of your head. Think only of the good of the party. Tomorrow morning, we are setting out on a new way. We are different. We are people who have a special grace, and I have no doubt we will get the public's confidence."

Third Way activists estimated yesterday that the party would get five to eight mandates in the elections, and were not concerned by the possibility of losing any votes to the Likud, even after its unity agreement with Gesher and Tsomet.

"Do you think anyone was convinced by the Likud's act of unity? Come on. It didn't even impress Likud members, so why should it have any effect on the public," scoffed one activist.

### WEATHER

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Haifa 9-18  
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Afula 7-17  
Safed 9-18  
Tel Aviv 11-17  
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Forecast: Partly cloudy, local rain showers.

### AROUND THE WORLD

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Berlin	11	11	partly
Buenos Aires	23	23	clear
Caracas	23	23	clear
Chicago	27	27	partly
Copenhagen	27	27	partly
Geneva	27	27	partly
Hamburg	27	27	partly
Hong Kong	18	18	clear
London	12	12	partly
Los Angeles	14	14	partly
Madrid	14	14	partly
Moscow	14	14	partly
New York	23	23	partly
Paris	23	23	partly
Stockholm	23	23	partly
Tokyo	23	23	partly
Toronto	23	23	partly
Vladivostok	23	23	partly
Zurich	23	23	partly

### Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the ace of spades, 7 of hearts, 7 of diamonds, and king of clubs.

# Peres, Barak, Ramon meet to discuss campaign

MICHAL YUDELMAN

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres was to meet Interior Minister Haim Ramon and Foreign Minister Ehud Barak last night, to learn first hand of the campaign strategy reached earlier in the day.

Barak and Ramon agreed at their meeting that Ramon is in charge of Labor's entire information campaign, including Peres's personal campaign, which is headed by Barak.

Both ministers yesterday continued denying there was any tension or rivalry between them. However, it is assumed that when they heard of Peres's intention to intervene in the authority struggle between them, they took the initiative and met to patch things up and to coordinate their campaign moves.

After the meeting, the two ministers appeared relaxed and amused, and even laughed when asked whether they had "made up" with each other.

"I haven't even had time to have a real fight with anyone, so there is nothing to reconcile about," Barak said.

Ramon said "there is and was no fight, so there is no need to make up. I've been in the political life for so many years, and this is the strangest story I've ever heard. It's all a media invention."

# Aguda picks UTJ reps

AGUDAT Yisrael leaders have chosen their representatives for the joint United Torah Judaism list with Degel Hatorah, Israel Radio reported yesterday.

The three candidates are Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Meir Porush, son of veteran MK Menachem Porush, former MK Shmuel Halpern, representing the Vishnitzer hassidim, and newcomer Meir Shlomo Greenberg, who will replace Avraham Shapiro as representative of the Gur hassidim, the largest hassidic sect in Agudat Yisrael. They will be joined by Degel Hatorah representatives Avraham Ravitz and Moshe Gafni.

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# Levy pledges to help Netanyahu get elected

SARAH HONIG

MK David Levy pledged yesterday that he "will do everything possible to make sure that Benjamin Netanyahu is elected prime minister."

"Those who know me, know that when I am in a fight, I am a formidable foe, but when I am in alliance, there is no one more loyal than me," Levy said.

Levy maintained that he "no longer feels any anger toward Netanyahu or a need to exact revenge" from the man who until recently was his arch-enemy and whose name he would not even mention for the past three years.

Levy had harsh words for MK Ze'ev Begin, however.

Begin carpingly attacked the Likud's pact with Levy Tuesday night at the Likud central committee session, in which the deal was approved by an overwhelming majority.

The bitterness, Levy asserted, "is all behind us, just as the past is behind us. What is important now is what is essential for the good of this country and that we replace this disastrous government."

Netanyahu, according to Levy, "is a good alternative to the failing Peres government because he heads a new political alliance of

three parties which will bolster the security of this country's citizens and will introduce a new social policy. He has a real chance to win and we will actively do everything we can to make sure that he does."

Levy denied Begin's warning that he might bolt the Likud-led alliance if that would be the more expedient thing to do. "We will stay together in the Knesset. I don't desert allies with whom I go hand in hand. Besides why suppose that we will lose? We intend to win and we think we have a real shot at it."

As to Begin's derision of his social commitment when he was asked for the foreign affairs portfolio, Levy insisted that he had not asked for it and said that he "will lead the social lobby in the next government."

"What the Likud central committee thought about Begin's words was best evinced by the fact that only a handful of members supported his position."

Levy hinted that his brother Maxim might well be included in his Knesset contingent. He said the candidates will be democratically elected, though he could not say in what forum, as his new Gesher party has no forums.

# Labor asks Shahak about alleged PA-Hamas accord

SARAH HONIG

LABOR Party secretary-general Nissim Zvilli wrote Chief of Staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak yesterday demanding to know whether an understanding exists between the PLO and Hamas allowing the latter to attack Israelis, as long as this is not done from territory under PLO control.

This is what Likud MK Ze'ev Begin steadfastly maintains. Begin said yesterday that, "if such an understanding indeed exists, and I say that it does, then there simply is no Oslo agreement. Such a deal between Hamas and the PLO brings the whole Oslo scheme toppling down."

On Tuesday night Begin put his political career at stake when he promised that, if it is proved there is no such PLO-Hamas understanding, he will resign from the Knesset and not run again.

In the Likud this was seen as a clear indication that Begin has no doubt he is on solid ground, and that Labor is in trouble - because once Begin embarks on a subject, he does so tenaciously and relentlessly. A case in point occurred

several years ago, when he charged that Peres had promised not to tamper with Palestinian institutions in Jerusalem. After Peres's denial, Begin produced a letter by Peres to the then Norwegian foreign minister saying just that.

Begin yesterday repeated his demand that the full text of Deputy OC Military Intelligence Brig-Gen. Ya'acov Amidror's report on the relations between Hamas and the Palestinian Authority be made public. From what Amidror reportedly told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee last week, he supports the claim that an understanding between the two indeed exists.

Committee chairman MK Hagai Merom (Labor) did not deny yesterday that Amidror actually told this to the committee, but argued that it was "a controversial interpretation, which is not shared by the chief of staff."

Begin attacked the very fact

# Arafat denies making 'terror deal' with Hamas

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PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat denied reports yesterday that the PA and Hamas have an agreement for Hamas to continue attacks against Israel.

"We have to coordinate on all levels to face and eliminate those terrorist groups which aim to liquidate the peace process," Arafat said.

On a visit to Gaza yesterday, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid and Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban brought Arafat a message from Prime Minister Shimon Peres that the dialogue between the two sides would continue despite the recent wave of violence.

"We came here to assert the dialogue between Israel and the Palestinian Authority is still proceeding," Sarid said. "The PA is not our enemy, it is our partner."

After the hour-and-a-half discussion that centered on combating terror, Tzaban and Sarid said they were pleased with Arafat's crackdown on Hamas. Arafat told them he had arrested some 800 Hamas members since the wave of suicide attacks began on February 25.

"We are very satisfied with what we heard from Arafat," Sarid said. "We believe the PA is doing its utmost to fight terrorism."

Arafat also gave Sarid a message for Peres saying that Palestinian opinion would turn against Arafat unless Israel eases the closure.

Sarid said the closure was a necessity and promised to seek ways to ease it.

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# Registrar ends party registration check

Registrar of parties Ze'ev Boneh last week concluded his pre-election check of multiple registration in political parties. He found 34,581 doubles in the Likud, of which he ordered the party to delete 26,846 members; of 22,237 doubles in Labor he

ordered 16,284 deleted; of 19,221 doubles in the NRP - 17,139 deleted; of 2,485 in Tsomet - 2,214; of 1,270 in Yitd - 1,251; of 563 in Mapam - 527. A total of 80,484 voters out of all 728,510 registered were found to be listed in more than one party. Itm

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